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Programmatic agreement for divert base on Tinian signed

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REPORTER

In front of Department of Defense and top local officials, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed yesterday a programmatic agreement meant to govern the use and protect historical properties on Tinian from the effects of a divert airfield project on the island, clearing the way for final environmental documents to be issued by the U.S. Air Force and a Record of Decision to be signed by the Air Force secretary on the siting of the base by December this year.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Pacific Command's Lt. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield chat candidly moment after Torres signed copies of a programmatic agreement meant to protect cultural artifacts and historic properties from the effects of a proposed divert airfield on Tinian in the company of Department of Defense officials, lawmakers, and Cabinet members at the Office of the Governor yesterday.

'Low-cost carriers key to Japan market's revival'

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Michael Merner is optimistic that the CNMI will soon see the recovery of the Japanese tourism market with the entry of a number of low-cost carriers and new airlines that would ply the Japan-Saipan route. Five LCCs will soon begin its operations from late this year to early 2017.

Japanese arrivals in the CNMI dropped significantly in the last six years from 49 percent of the

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AVIAREPS executive vice president Michael Merner explains to Marianas Visitors Authority members the current and new source markets of the CNMI in the group's general membership meeting yesterday at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

Convicted ex-DPS deputy chief out on 'work-release'

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The former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner convicted for three felonies and six misdemeanors and slapped with a one-year prison term last March is already out in public for limited hours under the Department of Corrections' work-release program, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

Ogumoro

This means former DPS deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro could be working an 8am to 5pm or 7am to 4pm shift like any other regular citizen, while having to serve his jail time at night and the morning before transfer to his work-release job site.

Multiple sources told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that Ogumoro has been out "since last week" and that it was Corrections Commissioner Georgia Cabrera's and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' "call" to allow the work release. However, other sources stressed the discretion to approve work release relied solely on Cabrera, as DOC commissioner.

Saipan Tribune failed to get more details from Cabrera as of press time. Sources first confirmed the work-release late afternoon yesterday.

The Torres administration, though, separately confirmed the work-release of Ogumoro, who was convicted, among others, for crimes of conspiracy to commit theft of ser-

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Regulators: Casino GGRT projected at $33M for ’17

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Responding to a request from the House Ways and Means committee, the Commonwealth Casino Commission projects taxes from Saipan casino VIP gaming revenues will reach $33 million for the next fiscal year.

But they add the estimate is a conservative one, given it only covered revenue for VIP gaming and not slot or table gaming.

Ways and Means chair Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan) had written to regulators asking for information to help plan next year’s budget and “to know the amount of funds available for appropriation” under the Saipan casino law. He asked to be provided the amount of funds presently available for appropriation, and a projection of funds that would be available for appropriation under the casino law for FY 2017.

In a letter to Sablan on Tuesday, acting commission chair Joseph Reyes notes the appropriate agency to provide the information should be the Department of Finance but says since the commission is the CNMI regulatory agency that oversees and monitors the casino’s daily operations following the issuance of the exclusive Saipan casino license and the opening of the Best Sunshine Live gaming activities, “we have some specific financial information that can assist you in your revenue projection.”

The commission says that based on rolling chip volume for the last seven months generated by the casino—or Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, doing businesses as Best Sunshine Live a the T-Galleria—they have rolled an average of $2 billion monthly.

The average theoretical holds for the house, or Best Sunshine, is 2.8 percent of the amount rolled, the commission said.

As such, one can multiply $2,000,000,00 x 2.8 percent to get $56,000,000 per month.

The current Gross Gaming Revenue Tax, or GGRT, is based on the BGRT rate for this amount at 5 percent.

Thus, $56 million times 5 percent equals $2.8 million GGRT per month.

And multiplying $2.8 million x 12 months = $33,600,000 GGRT.

Therefore, the project amount of GGRT from IPI for fiscal year 2017 is $33,600,000,

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Kilili: No easy answer on CW crisis

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said he's confident that the federal government is trying its best to address the CW crisis in the CNMI, which occurred when the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service announced that its Fiscal Year 2015 CW cap of 12,999 had been reached.

"We all know people whose lives are being turned upside down by the unexpected cut-off of applications for CW permits for this fiscal year. No matter what your opinion on having our economy so dependent on foreign workers, we all feel saddened when other human beings face losing their income and leaving a place they have called home for many years.

Sablan also said there may not be a solution to this situation that will satisfy everyone. He, however, assured that the officials he has worked with over the last eight years at USCIS and at the Secretary's office in the Department of Homeland Security have always done their best to avoid adverse consequences, as the law requires, when implementing federal immigration in the Northern Marianas.

"I am sure that the current CW problem is being carefully discussed at the highest levels at USCIS and DHS and that the USCIS Director and everyone involved with Northern Marianas issues are aware of the urgent need for resolution. If there is a solution, they will find it. But there is no easy answer," said Sablan. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Igisomar wants to decriminalize personal use of marijuana

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) is also looking to decriminalize the personal use of marijuana as the first-term senator wants to shift his focus from legalizing the medicinal use to personal use of marijuana since it is more cost-efficient.

Igisomar is the author of Senate Bill 19-06, which is proposing to legalize the medicinal use of marijuana in the CNMI. The bill, however, has been temporarily shelved as Igisomar is looking to make some revisions on the measure.

Igisomar said he is working to include comments that were gathered during public hearings and the initiatives that he received from pro-personal use groups in the CNMI.

If personal use of marijuana is decriminalized, it would allow people—especially patients that are being treated for ailments like glaucoma and epilepsy—to carry less than an ounce of marijuana. Medicinal marijuana supposedly reduces nausea and vomiting of patients undergoing chemotherapy.

"But anything above that would earn you a citation. If you're caught with one pound, that's trafficking. If we clarify these things, there's a possibility that it might work because you could plant marijuana at home," said Igisomar.

He added that shifting to personal use would provide more access to people who are sick and in great need of using marijuana. The only concern he's looking into is how to prevent the uncontrolled selling of medical marijuana.

"We're looking into making sure we can allow somebody to have a marijuana plant at home so long as they are not trafficking. It is more practical than having a medicinal law legalizing it," said Igisomar.

"I want it to be practical and at the same time cost-efficient where sick people can have continuous and easy access to cheap medicinal marijuana."

He said that his medical marijuana bill would allow somebody to have marijuana for medicinal purposes. "But we come to realize that there's really no other way that they could access that even if we legalize it."

"Until the marijuana goes through processing in a laboratory and ends up in a pharmacy. That's the challenge that we saw. We were thinking a simple legalization but by the time we analyze on how the application would be, it turns out that it may not work at all," said Igisomar.

"So, I did not want to take that chance, continuing to push for something that would be futile in the end and not work. People who are suffering and are sick, for them to be allowed to use marijuana, have the best opportunity for personal use and decriminalization." ***(Jon Perez)***

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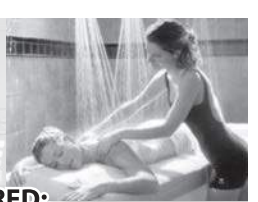

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"We still have a long way ahead of us," Torres told the crowd before signing the document at the Office of the Governor conference room on Capitol Hill.

Torres thanked counsel Wesley Bogdan for "working diligently" on the document, while addressing Torres' and Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas' concerns.

"What this allows there is no other options than 'Tinian-only"" Torres said, referring to his and the local government's preferred option that the Air Force's divert airfield, which currently proposes to land tanker aircraft, to be built on Tinian.

Torres added they still have to go back to the Commonwealth Ports Authority, the Department of Public Lands, and other departments on negotiations for land leases but noted the moment's importance.

"I believe this is a monumental time for all of us to show our military family your support of the project," Torres said.

"…our concerns will be addressed," he added.

Lt. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, the deputy commander of the U.S. Pacific Command and the single point of contact for Defense projects in the CNMI, praised Torres for "absolutely representing" the people of the CNMI and putting front the issues of the CNMI "vigorously" but with "respect and honesty."

"And a willingness to work with us," he added. "And we have in kind addressed your issues."

The general said the document went through about 40 changes, some of them "major," adding that some changes needed approval from the deputy secretary of the Department of Defense

Crutchfield said that behind the scenes Torres is absolutely working hard for the issues of the CNMI. "And they are heard," he added.

Crutchfield later told reporters that a final environmental assessment for the project would be done in August, giving a "12-week" timeline for which a final "Record of Decision" could be made.

"We think a final can be done in August and we think a ROD can be made by December. Those are approximate dates," he told reporters.

The Torres administration could not yet release the document yesterday, as all signatories to the document had not yet inked their names to make it a public record.

But the document was negotiated in a way that should Defense choose another site other than Tinian—like Saipan or a hybrid use of both islands—then they would have to go through another round of historic consultation with parties to reach another programmatic agreement, which is mandated under "Sec 106" of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The document also, *Saipan Tribune* learned, has Torres signing on the document as a representative of the CNMI Historic Preservation Office, making him a main signatory on the document, rather than an invited signatory, which could give him more say should parties propose amendments to its provisions.

San Nicolas told reporters after the signing event the airfield project was in line more with "economic" promises of the CNMI Covenant and attached technical agreement with the United States, which provided two-thirds of Tinian to the Department of Defense to build a military base on island.

That's always been the intent since the Covenant was created with a technical agreement in place. The idea was we would benefit from this relationship, not just the U.S and the CNMI, but also the military activity on Tinian.

Asked if the divert project better "aligns" with the Covenant and technical agreement than another military propose live-fire project, San Nicolas, said, "Yes. Far more than the CJMT. Far better."

He was referring to the CNMI Joint Military Training project proposed on Pagan and Tinian, which hopes to situate heavy live firing ranges on the islands, inclusive of a bombing range on Pagan.

San Nicolas hopes with construction of the divert airfield there would be local construction companies hired that "would create economic opportunity, which would mean jobs." "They would have to buy aggregate, or sand, we have some quarries on Tinian as well. We look forward to the divert project," he added.

Crutchfield, for his part, said he did not have a comment on the status of the CJMT project yesterday, saying that with the PA signed he would be shifting his focus to the project.

"I'm a pretty simple guy. I try to bite the apple, one bite at a time, and when there are significant issues and rightly so of what the people of the CNMI feel are issues, we gotta address them and not cloud all the decisions," Crutchfield told reporters after the event. "If you try to put too much into one thing, it's so confusing and you can't deal with it. So we are breaking this up into parts. Now that this is done we will begin to move forward with the CJMT portion of this as well.

Latest North Korea scare

At the same time yesterday, Crutchfield told reporters they had been aware of North Korea's intention to fire its latest rounds of test missiles.

The Associated Press reported Thursday that North Korea had boasted the successful testing of a powerful new midrange ballistic missile test that North Korea state media said propelled one of the weapons more than 1,400 kilometers (870 miles) high, which would allow strikes on U.S. forces throughout the region.

"We continue to monitor all the things that are happening in North Korea. We projected that they would fire the recent missile that they fired just yesterday. We were aware of what they are trying to do. We are concerned about it as the international community should be concerned about it. Anytime, you continue to test long-range missiles like that it's dangerous for all of us," Crutchfield said.

"As far as changing our game plan, no, we are going to continue doing what we always do...We have plans and procedures in place that would address anything that North Korea or any country tried anytime of aggression against us, the U.S. territories, our partners and allies."

The Joint Region Marianas, for its part, issued the following statement on the latest development:

"U.S. Strategic Command (Stratcom) systems detected and tracked what Stratcom officials assess were North Korean missile launches at 4:56 p.m. EDT and 7:03 p.m. EDT yesterday.

"The launch of two presumed Musudan intermediate range ballistic missiles occurred at Wonsan, Stratcom officials said, adding that the missiles were tracked over the Sea of Japan, where initial indications are they fell."

"The North American Aerospace Defense Command determined the missile launches from North Korea did not pose a threat to North America, officials said. Stratcom's mission is to conduct global operations in synchronization with other combatant commands and appropriate U.S. government agencies to detect, deter, and prevent strategic attacks against the United States, its allies and its partners, and to be prepared to deliver warfighting capability to defend the nation."

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vices and theft of services and misconduct in public office, in an email to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

"Yes, Mr. Ogumoro submitted a request for work release on May 2 and DOC is required under CNMI law to approve or disapprove the request based on the offense, the court order, and the behavior of the prisoner while at DOC," the Torres administration said.

"Mr. Ogumoro was granted work release based on Title 57 of the CNMI Code (section 57-20.1-1705 & section 57-20.1-1810)."

"Under these regulations, the work release program is considered as a "privilege and not a right." Work release is also seen primarily as a rehabilitation tool in which "prisoners are prepared for re-entry into the community by providing them with job skills, experience, and contacts useful for employment upon release."

"Importantly, any prisoner considered to be dangerous to the community or who presents a risk of escape or of committing any criminal acts while on work release is not eligible to participate in the work-release program," it added.

Per CNMI law code, work release leave allows the prisoner to be absent from the facility for a specific number of hours every day in order to hold a job in the community. Participation in the work-release program is at the discretion of the chief of Corrections.

Corrections, per its current regulations, must take into account whether the prisoner is not likely to present a serious danger of escape or of committing criminal acts while on work release; work release assignments do not conflict with any disciplinary action or the prisoner's general classification; the prisoner has requested participation and has specific reasons for participation that are consistent with the goal of his rehabilitation; the prisoner's behavior during custody with the Department of Corrections has been deemed satisfactory by the Chief of Corrections and correction's counselor; assessment of community reaction reveals that there will be no adverse impact on the inmate or members of the community, among others.

Ogumuro was entitled to a determination by Corrections as to his eligibility to participate in the work-release program within 60 days of the inmate's written request, per DOC regulations.

If denied a request for work release, the DOC commissioner should specify the reasons for the denial in writing, and further specify what may be required for the inmate to qualify for work release in the future, per these regulations.

Last March, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman slapped a one-year imprisonment sentence against Ogumoro for his conviction on three felonies and six misdemeanors, with three years probation.

"This court believes that a great harm to any society or community is corruption in any form," Wiseman said then, "and especially in the form of a breach of the public trust that is vested in an employee or as in this case a high ranking official, an acting commissioner of DPS.

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CNMI's tourism market in 2011 to 13 percent this year. China had the biggest jump from 15 percent to 41 percent, while Korea had been consistent and comprises the largest market at 44 percent.

The AVIAREPS executive vice president for Asia and Oceania was the guest speaker in yesterday's Marianas Visitors Authority General Membership Meeting at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall. He informed the members about MVA's recovery plan by bringing back one of the CNMI's largest tourist markets.

He said Japanese tourists are a much tougher market to attract since they are more traditionalists compared to the Koreans and Chinese, which have been visiting the CNMI in throngs making it two of the biggest contributors to the local economy.

But Merner said the entry of new airlines, especially LCCs, is the key to the rise and the return of the Japan market. He even projected that Japan will have a 23 percent tourism market share in 2017, up 10 percent this year.

"In the coming 12 months, the CNMI is expected to see at least three new airlines launching its service from Japan. An expected service by these airlines is an inter-island lift," said Merner.

Hong Kong Express is waiting for the approval of their application from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration and they plan to start their Japan to Saipan flights this October. The flights would originate from Japan's secondary cities.

Dynamic International Airways is launching its charter flights by year's end, while another Korean LCC will also start its own charter flights in December out of Japan's secondary cities. Another leading Japan LCC will announce its Japan-Saipan flights in October.

Merner, during his presentation, added that the Japan LCC would then launch its service in July of next year.

The three-member Japan Airlift Development Team—led by director Vinay Rajan with managers Keiichi Tsuboi and Junji Inoue—is also in active negotiations with other Asian LCCs that have aircraft on the ground overnight in Narita for a 2017 launch.

Air Asia, Vanilla Air, t'way, Jeju Air, Jet Asia, Eastar Jet, Jin Air, Air Busan, and Peach are the other Asian LCCs that the JADT is targeting.

From 80,832 Japanese arrivals in the 2015 calendar year, Merner projected that it would drop to 63,000 this year. He, however, projected the number to almost double to 125,000 in 2017.

"We're going to see the recovery of the Japan market with all the continued investments taking place. There are exciting new hotels, a series of high-profile developments related also with restaurant and retail, and is starting to generate buzz in Japan," said Merner.

He added that the development of a casino and a 6-star hotel are some of the new products and destinations that the CNMI will be offering to Japanese tourists. The said developments, if completed, would rival those of Tahiti, Bali, and the Maldives, according to Merner.

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the commission said.

"This projection is considered conservative as the formula used in the calculations factored the GGRT only from VIP casino operations," Reyes adds. "The BGRT/GGRT from the Mass Gaming Tables, slot machines, Noodle Restaurant, and the casino bar are not included in the rolling chip calculations.

"However, their exclusions can be considered acceptable to cover any unforeseen reduction in the gaming activities. Another important consideration is the gaming industry's across-the-board economic impact on almost all facets of our economy. This means that as the casino industry continues to prosper, we should see an increase in the BGRT across all sectors of the business community. Thus, you should expect an increase in the FY2017 estimated BGRT for the CNMI," the commission's acting chair said.

Probationer arrested again for using 'ice'

U.S. Marshals arrested on Wednesday Evengelyn Eudora Conrad Jones, a woman on federal probation for visa fraud conviction who allegedly used methamphetamine or "ice" again on several occasions and committed other violations.

Federal agents served on Jones an arrest warrant issued by U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona last June 17.

Manglona issued the arrest warrant after the U.S. Probation Office recommended the revocation of Jones' supervised release for noncompliance.

Manglona set the revocation hearing for today, Friday, at 1:30pm. Attorney David G. Banes was appointed as counsel for Jones.

According to U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola, Jones submitted to drug testing and tested presumptive positive for "ice" use last May 23 and 31, and June 3.

Arriola said the defendant admitted to using "ice" last May 23 and 31, and on June 6, 11, and 13.

Arriola said among the reasons that the defendant cited for using "ice" again was that she got into an argument with her stepmother that caused her great stress and feeling of disappointment.

Arriola said Jones also failed to attend her counseling sessions last June 1, 2, 10, 11, 13, and 15.

Arriola said Jones also failed to appear as directed for drug testing last June 10 and 11, and also failed to follow the instructions of the probation officer to report to the U.S. Probation Office last June 1 and 2.

Last Sept. 18, Manglona revoked Jones' term of supervised release for using "ice" and marijuana, consuming alcoholic beverages, and failing to appear for random drug testing and counseling sessions.

Jones then received a nine-month jail sentence, with credit of time served followed by a 27-month of supervised release. The supervised release commenced on April 25, 2016.

At the Jan. 20, 2015 revocation hearing, Jones did not show up in court. This prompted Manglona to order for her arrest.

At the revocation hearing on Feb. 3, 2015, Jones admitted to the violations alleged in the petition to revoke the pretrial release.

Jones had entered a guilty plea to the charge of visa fraud. In June 2015, she was slapped with a 10-month prison term. She was ordered to serve five months out of the 10 months imprisonment under home confinement. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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IN PROCEEDINGS TO DECLARE BUDGET ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Justices deny govt petition to stop judge from hearing motion

The CNMI Supreme Court yesterday denied the government's petition to prevent Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho from proceeding with a hearing pertaining to a request to declare the 2016 Budget Act unconstitutional.

The high court justices ruled that while they are tempted to halt Camacho's post-judgment proceedings, there is no order, at this juncture, directing the Legislature to appropriate funds.

"In sum, issuance of a writ is not proper because the Commonwealth failed to demonstrate a clear jurisdictional error of the lower court and the other issue presented by the Commonwealth may be reviewable on appeal," said the high court's ruling issued by Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro and Associate Justices John A. Manglona and Perry B. Inos.

The justices denied the government's petition for a writ of prohibition.

Last April, Chief Justice Castro granted the government's emergency motion to stop all proceedings in the Superior Court pertaining to such request to declare the 2016 Budget Act unconstitutional.

In that order, Castro said all trial court proceedings in this matter are stayed pending the high court's decision on the government's petition to prohibit Camacho from proceeding with the hearing on the motion to declare the 2016 Budget Act unconstitutional.

Assistant attorney general David Lochabay, counsel for the government, asserted that Camacho should stay further proceedings pending the CNMI Supreme Court's decision on the government's petition to prohibit the judge from hearing on the budget issue.

Lochabay filed the motions after Camacho issued an order last Feb. 8 allowing the parties to call any witnesses at the evidentiary hearing who will be helpful in deciding the constitutionality of the 2016 Budget Act, including members of the Legislature.

Camacho set the evidentiary hearing for May 9, 2016.

Lochabay also filed the petition for a writ of prohibition, asking the high court to prohibit Camacho from proceeding with a hearing on the motion to declare the 2016 Budget Act unconstitutional.

Attorney Michael Dotts has argued that the Budget Act of 2016 is unconstitutionally unbalanced under the CNMI Constitution because it did not provide for the payment of judgments in a reasonable amount.

Dotts is counsel for plaintiffs Jotonia B. Aguon, Timothy Cruz, and Gorgonny Camacho.

Aguon and Cruz are holding a $35,000 judgment against the government in connection with their lawsuit over the death of their child at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Gorgonny Camacho is holding a $10,000 judgment against the government in connection with his medical malpractice lawsuit against CHC.

To collect payment of the two judgments that were entered in 2013, Dotts filed motions for orders in aid of judgment. He asked the Superior Court to declare the 2016 Budget Act unconstitutional. The two cases were consolidated.

In the government's petition for a writ, Lochabay argued that Camacho's order directing the plaintiffs to file a standalone motion challenging the constitutionality of the 2016 Budget Act is clearly erroneous because the court lacks jurisdiction.

Lochabay also argued that Camacho's order in aid of judgment proceedings is improper because the constitutionality of the Budget Act has no bearing on the Commonwealth's means to pay the debt.

In the order yesterday denying the government's petition, the justices said issuance of a writ of prohibition is a drastic remedy invoked only in "the most dire of instances."

The justices said while the procedural posture of this case is unique, the Commonwealth fails to persuade them that Camacho's assumption of jurisdiction amounts to a usurpation of power.

The justices said given the judicial power and jurisdiction over cases in law and equity vested by the NMI Constitution, they cannot conclude that the Superior Court lacks jurisdiction to examine the constitutionality of a public act enacted by the Legislature, namely the 2016 Budget Act.

Lochabay further asserted that constitutionality of the Budget Act does not properly bear upon the question of its ability to pay unsatisfied judgments.

Dotts argued that a budget that ignores its liabilities is contrary to the mandates of the NMI Constitution and thus, a determination regarding the constitutionality of the Budget Act is necessary in informing the trial court the fastest way the Commonwealth can pay the debt.

The justices said regardless of the respective merits of these arguments, they are not convinced that they must address this issue because the Commonwealth can appeal the trial court's ruling should the budget be declared unconstitutional.

The justices said the trial court may be inclined to remedy the apparent injustice present in this case because the plaintiffs suffered personal injuries and are unable to collect from the Commonwealth notwithstanding the stipulated judgments.

Nevertheless, the justices said, their ruling in the Marine Revitalization Corp. case is the current law of this jurisdiction, and the trial court cannot override the high court's decision.

In the Marine Revitalization case, the high court held that the courts do not have the power to—directly or indirectly—order the appropriation of funds to satisfy judgments against the Commonwealth.

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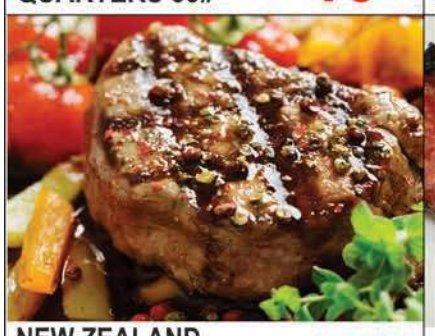

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Michael A. Jackson hires ex-lawmaker as investigator in rape case

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REPORTER

Michael Anthony Jackson, a man facing retrial on charges of kidnapping and raping a then-15-year-old girl on Saipan, has hired former lawmaker Christopher Leon Guerrero as his investigator.

Attorney Loren Sutton, court-appointed counsel for Jackson, has informed the Superior Court that Leon Guerrero has been working for two weeks now as their investigator following the court's approval of defendant's request to hire an investigator for the defense.

Leon Guerrero used to serve as a House representative. He is also a retired police officer.

Sutton also informed the court that they are not prepared yet to submit jury instructions.

The lawyer said he, however, reviewed the instructions submitted by the Office of the Attorney General and that at this point, given the incomplete knowledge and analysis of the facts of the case to date, has no objection to them.

Sutton requested the court to provide additional time for any objections and/or additions to the instructions submitted until the defense has interviewed witnesses and further analyzed the facts.

The retrial of Jackson will be on Aug. 22, 2016.

Sutton is the new counsel for Jackson after the defendant filed a disciplinary complaint against his eighth court-appointed counsel Mun Su Park.

At a status conference last March 1, Park requested the court to continue the retrial of Jackson and appoint a new counsel for the defendant.

According to Park, Jackson has filed a disciplinary complaint against him before the CNMI Bar Disciplinary Committee, which is likely to impair the client-lawyer relationship or the lawyer's ability to represent the client.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted Park's motion.

Camacho noted that Jackson had filed disciplinary complaint against his seven other court-appointed counsels in this case.

On April 26, 2013, the jury found Jackson guilty of kidnapping and sexual assault in the first degree. Camacho, who decided on the misdemeanor charge, also found the defendant guilty of assault.

On May 15, 2013, Camacho slapped the then-34-year-old Jackson with a jail maximum term of 40 years and six months without possibility of parole.

Jackson then appealed. He asked the CNMI high court to reverse his convictions and remand the matter for a new trial, or in the alternative for re-sentencing.

At the appeal hearing, Park argued as court-appointed counsel for Jackson.

Last Dec. 30, the CNMI Supreme Court reversed the conviction and remanded Jackson's case to Superior Court for a new trial.

The justices ruled that Camacho erred in not repeating substantive jury instructions at the close of evidence.

The justices said closing instructions allow the jury to focus on the law, the evidence, and its responsibilities in order to arrive at a proper determination.

Police said the girl was walking along Tun Joaquin Doi Road in Fina Sisu from an Internet café and was on her way home on Oct. 9, 2010, at about 1am when Jackson forced her into his car, brought her to an open field at Saipan airport, and raped her inside his car. He then forced the girl to smoke methamphetamine or "ice."

The girl later managed to run away, police said.

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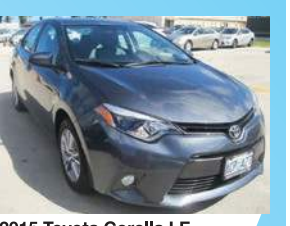

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JON PEREZ
Vicky Benavente, fourth right, and Gloria Cavanagh, third right, join other board members of the Marianas Visitors Authority after being elected in yesterday's general membership meeting at the Royal Taga Hall of the World Resort.

Hotel executives are new MVA board members

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Three executives from three of the biggest hotels on Saipan were elected as new directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority board in yesterday's election held during the tourism group's general membership meeting at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort in Susupe.

Nick Nishikawa and Gloria Cavanagh, the general managers of Hyatt Regency Saipan and the Mariana Resort & Spa, respectively, and Vicky Benavente were voted by their peers, while Jerry Tan was reelected to another four-year term.

Nishikawa and Tan were elected in absentia as they were attending to prior commitments. A total of 109 members cast their votes, chosing from 14 candidates that were nominated to fill in the four director posts.

Cavanagh brings with her 23 years of experience in the tourism industry and has been working on Saipan since 2011. She said that being elected to the MVA board is a great honor and she accepts the responsibility entrusted to her by her peers.

"I will make sure I will not disappoint those who entrusted to me the responsibility of serving on the MVA board," said Cavanagh, who is in her final year as Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands president.

She said having a HANMI member serving on the MVA board is something that HANMI has been lobbying for quite sometime. "HANMI fought very hard and lobbied to get a position from the board. Now, we have three from the hotels."

Cavanagh added the she's looking forward to do her share in promoting the CNMI especially with a lot of developments happening. "Arrivals are up and there are a lot of unique sites that we can promote to various markets. We can compete with other tourist destinations around us."

Benavente is making her return to MVA after serving as its managing director more than 10 years ago. She is also the Marianas Tourism Education Council chair and is currently working as an executive administrative assistant to Pacific Islands Club general manager Hiro Sugie.

"I'm here to help guide the MVA especially in its international marketing efforts. I bring with me 30 years of experience working in the tourism industry," said Benavente, who added that she wanted to emphasize in promoting cultural and environmental awareness.

"Seeing the indigenous culture, watching the native dances, and experiencing what our islands has to offer is what we want our tourists to see. This is part of our destination enhancement."

"We should also teach our children to embrace other cultures. We are friendly people and we are known for our island hospitality," Benavente said.

Michael Demapan, Kazusuke Fukuju, Wendi Herring, Paula Monk, Chris Nelson, James Nelson, Elitza Stoilova, Edwin Sze, Dennis Yoshimoto, and Alex Youn were the other nominees.

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Pictured is NMSA Lottery Manager Anicia Malek together with CK Store Manager Cindy during the $1000 cash presentation.

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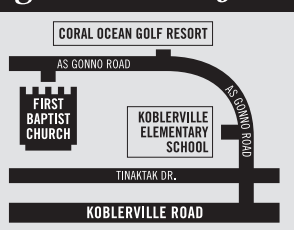

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, second left, reads the proclamation declaring June 19 to 25 as Farmers and Ranchers Week while First Lady Diann Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Richard Seman listen in last week's event at the Garapan Public Market.

JON PEREZ

The net metering debate

By PHIL YORIO
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Forty-four states have some form of net metering and four U.S. territories and luckily Guam and the CNMI are in this group. Net metering policies allow distributed generation customers to sell excess electricity to a utility at a retail rate and receive credit on their utility bill. This credit offsets the customer's electricity consumption during other times of the day or year, thereby reducing the amount of electricity that a customer purchases from a utility. The net metering debate between the utilities and the renewable energy Industry has always been that solar energy customers are unfairly taking advantage of the utility grid without paying their fair share of the infrastructure of the transmission and distribution lines that the utility has to maintain during the night time use that solar customers are now taking the energy back from the utility. Is this a legitimate argument well yes and no. Do solar energy customers take the energy from the utility at night yes, but how about the energy that was given to the utility during day time use for the utility to use at the closest point of distribution that the solar energy customer generated that the utility did not have to generate. What is the true value for solar energy? This has been a debate that has been going on now for over 10 years. By the time this debate is finally settled between a 100-year-old industry and an emerging one, I feel it won't be a debate any longer.

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Phil Yorio is the general manager of Micronesia Renewable Energy, Inc.-CNMI.

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Labor secretary: Posting JVAs in newspapers, radios not sufficient

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REPORTER

Department of Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero said yesterday that it is not enough for employers who are recruiting foreign workers to post the job vacancy announcement in the newspapers or radios, as they are required under the law to post such announcement on Labor's website.

In response to *Saipan Tribune*'s inquiry about the job vacancy announcement regulations, DeLeon Guerrero said she keeps hearing from employers that according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services posting JVAs is sufficient.

DeLeon Guerrero said the USCIS website specifically states that employers must follow state employment and federal laws.

The Labor secretary pointed out that the USCIS' particular general language targets what is the local state law, which one of them is the requirement of posting of JVA on the state's Labor website if employers are recruiting foreign workers.

"It is clear. That is the law," she said, citing that Labor's employment rules and regulations requires an employer who intends to employ a foreign national worker, or non-immigrant, transitional worker, or non-immigrant alien on a full-time basis must post a JVA on Labor's website.

DeLeon Guerrero said she has been doing a lot of outreach program about the JVA issue in the newspapers and also have it posted on Labor website.

She said if Labor discovers the violation, then there is process fee that the employers go through such as an agency compliance case.

DeLeon Guerrero said the reality is employers need to follow the law because they can't go wrong with it.

"The law has been in the book for so long. We cannot continue to make statement like that we are clueless, we don't know that it's there," she said.

DeLeon Guerrero said it's just that Labor never really enforced the law before, and that now that she is the secretary for Labor going three years, this is what it is that they are encouraging people and employers to make sure that they follow the law.

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GOP delegates can save their party from Trump

In March, it looked entirely possible that none of the Republican presidential candidates would arrive at the July convention with the nomination in hand. A contested convention loomed, and Donald Trump's team knew it could be a fierce fight.

Referring to the delegates, his adviser Barry Bennett said, "By majority rule, they can do anything that they want. They can throw out the chairman. You can throw out the (Republican National Committee) members. You can do anything."

Hear that, Republican delegates? And will you heed it?

Trump looks as though he has succeeded in what amounts to a hostile takeover of a party with which he has identified only sporadically over the past three decades. But it's not too late for the delegates to fight him off and choose a nominee who actually represents values the GOP has long championed.

As it is, party leaders find themselves repeatedly obliged to disassociate themselves from Trump. After his speech following the massacre in Orlando, which reiterated his pledge to stop Muslim immigration, Politico reported, "Many lawmakers are openly frustrated, and refusing to defend the comments and actions of their own standard-bearer, the man they've endorsed for president." Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn vowed not to comment on the presumptive nominee until after the election.

The GOP has never nominated someone so plainly unprepared, unreliable and unfit. Most party figures act as though they have no choice. But they do. A group of delegates is organizing an effort called "Free the Delegates." They propose to change party rules to let them vote for whomever they want — regardless of how their states' caucuses and primaries turned out — and they claim already to have enlisted several hundred delegates and alternates.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, who will chair the convention, declined an invitation to oppose the effort. "It is not my job to tell delegates what to do, what not to do or to weigh in on things like that," he said. "They write the rules. They make their decisions."

On what grounds could the delegates deny the nomination to the person who defeated every other candidate? First, they could point out that he is fundamentally at odds with many of the party's bedrock policies — including those on such vital topics as national security, trade, entitlement reform, fiscal responsibility and religious freedom. They could note that he has never shown a fidelity to any set of political principles, especially conservative ones. They could highlight his volatile temperament and shaky grasp of policy.

He has also been inept and irresponsible in his approach to the general election. He starts with a disadvantage. Writing for the conservative National Review, Dan McLaughlin

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A trash picker

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One student noticed me picking trash in front of my classroom door and commented that the maintenance crew did that once a day. I did not need to bother, I was told, because maintenance had the job.

Whether it is at school, the pathway, or just normal house surrounding, there is "someone" else assigned to do the job, which is fine as far as that goes, but nothing is said about the casual and regular disposal of plastic bottles and containers that takes place frequently. Plastic takes ages to decompose.

I've noted earlier the plastic bottles and what picnickers leave behind on a holiday binge by the lagoon, or just a weekend grill cookout, and the piled and scattered trash is always a sight to behold, wondering how fast the maintenance crew would get around to picking it.

I got me two trash pickers, one I gave to someone's farm not only for picking up trash but also to assist in getting fruits off trees to fill my tummy! But mostly, I got the trash picker for the trash.

My students were clear there is someone assigned to do the job. They were right. I was the self-appointed one.

There were the discarded fruit juice and milk containers. Fundamentally made of paper products, it is coated with plastic to make it water proof, and the straw is invariably made of plastic. So the discarded containers have longevity beyond the normal decomposing cycle, and the straw decomposes forever.

With three trash bins on my class sidewalk alone, the students still found it convenient to discard refuse casually because "someone" is assigned to pick it up! It is the perspective and the faithful adherence to the practice that grates, though students, when pointed out, will pick up the trash and dutifully consign it to the trash bin, because they are told to do so. It does not happen naturally!

What happens naturally is the disposal of fruit juice and milk containers, and refuse, widely thrown about. It may bother the sight but crumpled paper does disintegrate in a few days. The paper planes that children fly out into the air are numerous and often. It also frequently lands on the roof of the passageway, and invariably, someone tries to retrieve it with a shoe, which then gets the paper plane down but will remain on the roof. That's when they come knocking on my class door and sheepishly wonder if I could assist them get the shoe down with the picker.

My term at the elementary School was that of a gap-filler, and perhaps, had I planned it right, I might have shown how faithful I was to the standard curriculum that was in place. The vice principal, when he received my playful design of "Come Play Learning with Me," she commented that it looked like it was a curriculum for a whole year.

It wasn't but that mirrors more my confidence that the grade 1 students could handle more than what was being offered. In one sense, I was right, and in another, I was deadly wrong.

Those who proved me right were there all along, from the beginning, willing to learn for as long as I had the patience to teach. What I did not anticipate was how strong already even at this fundamental level of education the children's bias to compete, to want to be ahead of everyone, and more importantly, to be recognized as being there first, or, at the head of the class.

Just lining up, the question invariably ask is: "Who is going to be the leader?" My response was, the function of leading the line can be done by anyone, so they took turns, going alphabetically down the line. That did not sit well with the assertive ones, and watching the other classes, I understood why.

The assigned leader "bosses" it on everyone, getting them to line up straight, or else.

Accomplishing anything invites the rush for saying, "I am done." I got to responding that they are not done yet because they are still alive; they would be dead if they were done. So they shifted quickly to, "I am finished." There were those who claimed being "first" and the rest follows as if the numerical sequence becomes a pecking order of importance. The quality of the work takes a second seat to the speed by which something is done.

Then there is the "I knew that" or "I almost said that," as if it made a difference. If they knew the answer to a question, well and good. If they claim that they knew the answer but did not say so, is a bit iffy. I had one in class who was always first to raise his hands when a question is asked, and when called upon, was hard put to give a response, let alone, a satisfactory one.

I lead, therefore, I am, seems to be the dictum of their education. That was one trash I would have gladly picked except it was a cognitive one rather than a concrete behavior. To be sure, the mindset influences behavior and that was how we reduced the mindset to the component images that makes it. Leading the line up was one; secured in stability and order was another. We made both an ordinary function rather than a sign of status. It was not popular.

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It's a lopsided world

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About six months ago, four books by mathematician and philosopher Nassim Nicholas Taleb were re-released as a package deal. The book titles are *Antifragile*, *The Black Swan*, *Fooled by Randomness*, and *The Bed of Procrustes*. Called the "Incerto 4-Book Bundle," this collection is available in the Kindle electronic format ($51.99). A boxed set of the physical books will be available in October ($70).

You don't need this bundle to get the books, though. They're widely available individually.

Taleb's main turf is the notion of uncertainty, or, if you prefer, risk. He applies his outlook and strategies to many elements of life, ranging from seeking (or avoiding) doctors to avoiding (or seeking) financial speculation.

Of these four books, the most recent is *The Bed of Procrustes*. This is a small collection of Taleb's aphorisms. The other books form sort of a trilogy of works on uncertainty and how it plays a role in our lives.

If you're looking for nutritious fare for your summertime reading you can't go wrong with Taleb, especially with *Antifragile*, which is, in a word, a masterpiece. I've mentioned it a few times in this space. I couldn't ever do justice to the book by trying to summarize it, so I enjoy taking the occasional random concept and thinking about it.

Even if we don't see risk directly, we certainly do see its manifestations. So we often see the superficial layer of effects while remaining oblivious to the deeper network of causes. Quite often these causes aren't just randomness but are rooted in reactions to randomness; these reactions spawn their own consequences, and those consequences spawn, in turn, yet more consequences.

Meanwhile, randomness itself can, and often does, look nonrandom. This notion, as you might suspect, inspired the book Fooled by Randomness.

The smart answer to an uncertain world isn't to try hiding from risk at all costs, since this would, among other things, sever our appreciation of reality, a situation that, from what I see, is increasingly common in our virtually based world. If we forget about reality, though, reality doesn't forget about us. It just patiently eyes us while licking its chops.

One insidious thing about school is that we're often conditioned to worship the concept of the average and the related concept of the bell curve, a symmetrical curve that has a centralized bias around an average. What Taleb points out is that risks, and, more importantly, their consequences, are often asymmetrical.

For example, if you drive along Middle Road at midnight on a payday Friday, a random occurrence can take 40 years off your lifespan, but no random occurrence is realistically likely to add 40 years to it. This is a lopsided situation, not a symmetrical situation. And it just goes to remind us how an extreme event, like a car crash, can change our entire lives. "Unlikely" doesn't mean "not important."

On the other hand, if you're stuck in a dead end career that doesn't pay well, your only shot at improving your future might be to take some risks, risks that, unlike a drive down Middle Road, have some potential upside. Many successful novels, for instance, were penned by the glow of midnight oil as their authors paid the rent with ho-hum day jobs. Of course, many more *unsuccessful* novels were penned by writers in the same situations. But as long as they can't fine you for failure to sell a novel, there's some upside here and, in terms of cash flow, no disastrous downside.

A related example I see quite often is two-earner couples, where one has a normal career while the other takes a more entrepreneurial path. Assuming that the normal job is enough to cover their living expenses, they can reach for a jackpot while still keeping their feet on solid ground.

By contrast, and probably more common, are two-earner couples that need both of their incomes to keep solvent. We're back to Middle Road where risk is a threat, not a promise. Sometimes this unenviable situation is unavoidable, and sometimes it comes via a taste for living the high life.

Anyway, *Antifragile* inspires me to think about such things. That's part of its charm. A book that inspires thinking is more useful than a book that just talks.

As for the term, "antifragile," it refers to systems that gain from volatility and random shocks (up to a point, anyway). We all know what "fragile" means, of course; it's what you write on a package because the contents might shatter if somebody drops the box. But there are many processes, be they biological or economic, in which, over time, the repeated dropping of the conceptual box actually strengthens the contents. People are often scared of risk and volatility, but trying to avoid them entirely can actually create situations that are ultimately weaker, not stronger, and hence more fragile than they'd otherwise be.

For my summertime reading I'll be poking my nose in these books again. And if you take a look at any of them, our uncertain world will have one certain thing: You and I will have plenty of interesting stuff to talk about.

GOP

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notes that Trump's polling numbers are "at a lower ebb than any general election candidate has hit in the last three elections." On Monday, Trump fired campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, a belated recognition of his inadequacy.

This is normally the period when a presumptive nominee takes steps to unite the party and set out themes to appeal beyond to swing voters — as Clinton has been doing. But Trump has yet to make that pivot.

Nor has he done other things he needs to do in service to the party's cause. Lacking much interest in raising money, which he hardly needed in the primaries, the billionaire could be vastly outspent. He entered June with just $1.3 million in the bank, according to The New York Times — compared to Clinton's $41 million. Already, she and groups supporting her have spent $23 million on ads in eight battleground states, while Trump and his allies have spent nothing. Clinton has close to 700 people on her campaign payroll; Trump has about 70.

She can also expect a mobilization of support from Democrats running for other offices, as well as state and local party organizations and traditional Democratic interest groups. Trump, by contrast, has done his best to alienate and demoralize Republican officeholders. His behavior has encouraged state parties to concentrate their resources on races down the ballot. His remarks about Mexican immigrants, Muslims, women and David Duke seem almost designed to boost Democratic turnout.

Trump's campaign is a disaster waiting to happen — unless the party uses the Cleveland convention to avert it. Republican delegates can resign themselves to go down on a sinking ship. Or they can mount a mutiny to install a captain who has the judgment, experience and skills needed to guide the vessel safely home.

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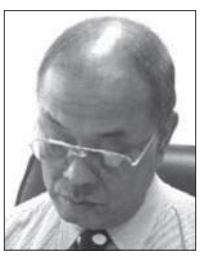
Superstorm USPL 110-229



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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The impending fatal storm of economic devastation from across the sea has started making landfall in the islands. Call it Superstorm USPL 110-229. It started gathering strength since six years ago.

The NMI knows the fatal storm is coming but treated it as a "banana" typhoon. The erratic storm has since shifted into a super-typhoon! It has begun wreaking havoc in private industries throughout the archipelago.

The law is federal policy we challenged unsuccessfully. The court highlighted the sovereign rights of the federal government on immigration. Th NMI only wanted the opportunity to strengthen its economic foundation through realistic immigration policy that supports development plans.

Yet the agreement didn't absolve our national government from providing opportunities for the NMI to attain a "progressively higher standard of living." The impending disaster is contrary to its obligation under the Covenant. It must review the dire effects of a highly destructive policy.

The first group of 902ers dropped the ball alluding to NMI representation in the U.S. Congress as sufficient. Sufficient? Representation? It should have followed through seeking measures from the feds to cushion the $7-billion in revenue loss when the apparel industry shut down. The loss was dovetailed by another major economic contraction when Japanese investments took an exodus in recent past.

The pattern of bankruptcy hurled against territories by the U.S. Congress is appalling. They're policies designed for single sweep devastation. It's premised on the obvious insensitivity of establishment types—both sides of the aisle—that have lost connection with ordinary citizens.

The U.S. Congress is scrambling to bailout Puerto Rico with its $72-billion deficit. The territory took a downward spiral in revenue when Congress annihilated the lucrative pharmaceutical industry. It has done the same here when it imposed USPL 110-220. It simply ruined investment prospects exacerbated by internal negligence.

In the interim, the NMI must buckle down to pinning what federal policy says to exact the right protocol. The WH isn't interested and not with Obama's Toiletarian rule which places greater importance on easing negative rhetoric on Islamic Terrorist over the safety of our countrymen. Any further use of polysyllables struggling to sound like Abe Lincoln isn't going to cut it either.

Please repeal USPL 110-229! We definitely deserve our economic freedom as citizens of the most powerful and prosperous country the world over!

Lingo in paradise

It is rumored that the 902 SearsRoebuck Team was seen standing at the corner of 13K in DC chanting, "Chupa lai, chupa lai, chupa lai." Hell, even prostitutes were amused and thought we were soliciting in Arabic. It's about our economic freedom!

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Elsewhere, our police officers stick to the term "incarcerated" which simply means jailed. They prefer the $64 word and boast it in conversations.

DOC started spreading "virgin" when manhandling detainees. Seezzzz!

Cabinet members regurgitate the term "collaboration". Makes 'em feel suspiciously smart.

But I much prefer the word commonly used in the villages: CORRUPTION! Even if you say it accidently you see political loyalists cringe quickly running for cover!

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Among chronic diabetics you hear the tune "Sugar", a rock song by the Archies years ago. And they rip it with gusto while gobbling tons of sugary pastries and donuts slammed home with heavily sugared drinks.

I love this group of patients for sharing a commonality: plug their ears so they won't have to take doctors' advice until they're being prepped for amputation. Tells you Sugar is King in these islands. *Dios mihu!*

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It was a rainy day when Magoo was running to the Post Office to drop his letter. It fell right smack into a mud puddle. He picked it up and noticed it was sealed tightly. He looked around and found a friend nearby. He related that he forgot to include one more issue. His friend recommended that he opens it and place PS followed by what he wanted to add. He asked, "What is PS?" said his friend, "Ai, 'Porgot Something'!"

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Our lingo could get us into the wrong pronunciation with English words. Chamorros have mastered using "fodder" for father. I mean there's no "th" in our language. Thus our love for Mr. D!

Japanese pronounced "L" with the letter "R". A Japanese asked a Marshallese if the "Marshalls Erection is finish." Said the man from Majuro, "Oh no! Marshallese erection is never finish. Always rong!" (Laughter). I think the word is election.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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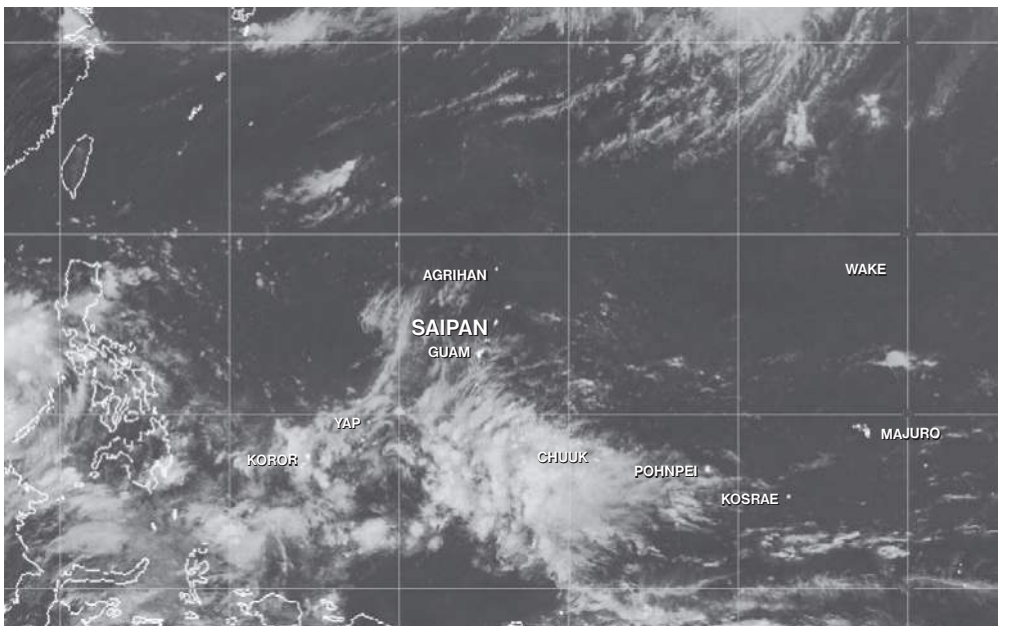

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends east-southeastward from near Mindanao through a weak circulation centered southeast of Koror near 5N139E to end near EQ140E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring across Palau and Yap state within 180 miles of a line from 2N130E to 10N139E. An upper-level low north of Yap near 15N139E is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms well northwest of Guam within 70 miles of 23N136E. A band of trade-wind convergence is interacting with divergence south of an upper-level ridge to produce scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms from south of Guam across Chuuk state within 230 miles of a line from 11N142E to 4N152E.

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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe

Auckland	Windy	▲63	▼52
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼70
Hong Kong	Clear	▲89	▼80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼72
London	Rain	▲69	▼57
Los Angeles	Mostly Cloudy	▲81	▼63
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼78
Melbourne	Rainy	▲48	▼42
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼78
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼66
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼68
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼66
Pusan	Clear	▲79	▼68
Rome	Clear	▲95	▼71
Salem	Showers	▲62	▼51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼55
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Tokyo	Cloudy	▲77	▼72
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼68

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4:35 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.13 Feet
9:14 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.78 Feet
4:29 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.24 Feet
11:29 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.96 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
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Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:53 PM	8:56 AM
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UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
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LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

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3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

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"Don't say..." My friend Magoo is an unsuspecting and happy person. He and I would talk of a myriad of issues and either agree to agree or agree to disagree or remain disagreeable with civility.

In this conversation we started sliding into corrupt public officials who have emerged in recent past and the living dead pacing the streets of Garapan.

He related seeing an agent of a huge corporation slip an envelop into his boss' shirt pocket. "I'm sure it wasn't a "get-well-card," you now, but don't say." He added that his smooth but deceitful boss must have deposited it (check) at a bank outside the NMI to derail paper trail investigation.

Lia chimed that she's heard of elected officials wrestling with integrity on imperial Capital Hill being on the payroll of a generous corporate donor. "Each is paid about $5,000 a month or $60,000 per year in addition to their government salaries for a grand total of $99,500."

Said Magoo, "It's a hefty sum no wonder Da Boysis seem happily contented. But don't say…lai." Call it human frailty but I get tummy chuckles the struggle by officials to keep a straight face after wholesaling their integrity.

There's our history of Islas De Las Ladrones versus the irony of my friends whispering, "Don't say!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mourning Orlando victims as human beings

In a recent letter to the editor, "Violence against LGBTQ Americans," Mr. Jonathan Cabrera expressed concern that my e-kilili newsletter last week did not mention that the victims of the Orlando shooting were mostly LGBTQ Americans or that the shooting occurred in a gay nightclub.

I do recognize that what happened in Orlando is particularly traumatic for our LGBTQ community. This community is too often the target of attack, which is why I have

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the general public that the CNMI Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program 2017 Plan is now available for review and the public comments from June 23, 2016 to June 29, 2016. Interested member of the general public may review the WIC 2017 State Plan at the WIC Program's Administrative Office located at Mayoria Ave Building No. N-25. Our office hours are from 7:30am to 4:30pm (Monday – Friday). All public comments must be submitted in writing to the WIC Program Administrator at the same office no later than June 29, 2016.

/s/ **Esther L. Muna**
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ **Erin Angela Camacho**
WIC Program Administrator

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified bidders to submit their qualifications and bids for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AND COMMUTER TERMINALS SIX (6) A/C UNIT REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-16.**

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2016,** at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of replacement of six (6) air-conditioning units located at the Saipan International and Saipan Commuter Terminals. Procurement includes removal and disposal of existing units scheduled for replacement.

The Project is being funded by Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for installation of all six units shall be **TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) CALENDAR DAYS.** Liquidated damages shall be imposed in the amount of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00)** per day if the commissioning of the A/C units is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70-26 of the specifications. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Non-Collusive Affidavit" and "Designation of Subcontractors" as contained in the bid documents, with the submission of the Bid.

Bids and contract documents including specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, Commonwealth Ports Authority Office, Saipan at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2016,** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each bid shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are encouraged to use the CD bid schedule form. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid documents and specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either bid bond from a CPA approved listed surety company, a certified check or a cashier's check in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ ROMAN T. TUDELA
Acting Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: June 20, 2016

CONSUMER CORNER

By TERESITA SABLAN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Teresita Sablan serves as consumer counsel of the CNMI Office of the Attorney General.

The price is right, or is it?—Price marking requirements and discounted pricing for expired goods

When you walk into a store you shouldn't feel like a contestant on *The Price is Right*, guessing the prices of items being offered sale. Under the Consumer Protection Act, merchants are required to display the price of goods near the goods and in a manner that is clearly visible to customers. Additionally, merchants cannot offer goods at one price and then charge you a different price. For example, if the price displayed for a can of corned beef is $2.99, the store cannot turn around and charge you $4.99 when you check out. This is true even if the marked price was a genuine error, the store must still allow you to purchase the goods for the marked price.

What about expired goods, can stores offer goods for sell after the marked "best by," "use by," or "sell by" date has passed? In general, yes, expired goods may be offered for sale, but only if the store follows the requirements of the Consumer Protection Act. First, expired goods must be displayed in an area that is clearly set apart from non-expired goods. Second, expired goods must be clearly marked as expired. And finally, expired goods may not be sold for more than 50 percent of their original retail price.

Okay, stores can sell expired goods, but are expired goods safe to consume? The Consumer Protection Act prohibits merchants from representing that a food, beverage, drug, or other ingestible good is safe for human consumption if it is not. So even if a store complies with the expired goods pricing and labeling requirements, it cannot sell goods that are not safe to consume. According to the USDA, with the exception of infant formula, expiration dates tend to go to the quality of food and not necessarily to safety. Infant formula should not be purchased or consumed after the marked expiration date. Also, when purchasing goods such as meat and produce, look for visible mold and/or discoloration—food that is moldy or that smells or tastes spoiled should not be consumed. For more information on the safety of expired goods, you can visit the USDA's website: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-safety-fact-sheets/food-labeling

Merchants who violate the Consumer Protection Act are subject to civil fines of up to $2,500 per violation and may even be subject to criminal penalties if the violation is done knowingly or recklessly. You can report violations of the Act by submitting a complaint form. You can pick up a complaint form at the Civil Division on Capitol Hill, or you can request a form via email to cnmiconsumercounsel@gmail.com.

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LETTERS

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served as a member of the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus and why I have worked on legislation that would protect LGBTQs from sexual violence, harassment, and discrimination.

But when one of these now all-too-common acts of terrorism and violence occurs in our nation, my first thought is not about the race, or culture, religion, age, gender identity, or sexual orientation of the victims. My response is to mourn the victims all as fellow human beings.

And whenever these horrible acts occur it just strengthens my belief that we have to change our laws to keep lethal weapons out of the hands of those who have no respect for the sanctity of human life.

I thank Mr. Cabrera for sharing his feelings. I always appreciate feedback from the people I serve in Congress.

Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan
CNMI Delegate to U.S. Congress

Filling gaps in the workforce

Everyday people are faced with troubles. Some days can be harder than others. Sometimes we dream of living better, having our own place, being able to contribute to society, and be independent. People with disabilities have these same dreams, dreams of working and being independent which are often unattainable due their being overlooked or outright discriminated against based on their disability.

On July 26, 1990, the lives of people with disabilities changed when the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed by President George W. Bush. The ADA was signed into law to help people with disabilities by providing protection from discrimination in employment, are able to access public establishments and public transportation, and making sure employers provide reasonable accommodations in the workplace.

For years, we have relied on contract workers to be part of the workforce in the CNMI. With recent events of contract workers being denied work permits maybe we can consider our population of people with disabilities as a viable option to filling some of the gaps.

Many people with disabilities in the CNMI have voiced their eagerness to work, but employers are not willing to hire them because they assume that they are not able to perform the duties and responsibilities of the job.

Employers further assume that it is difficult to train people with disabilities, or that it will cost employers too much money to provide reasonable accommodations. The fact is that there are programs, like the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), that can supplement any such costs. And once you get that one employer who takes the time to teach or train, and that one employer who is willing to provide the reasonable supports in the workplace, people with disabilities have proven over and over again that they will come to work, and that they tend to be very loyal employees. In many cases, finding a loyal employee is half the battle.

For more information on disability related issues please call NMPASI at 235-7273/4 (voice) 235-7275 (fax) or visit our website www.nmpasi.org

Cleo Nening
NMPASI client advocate

Best Sunshine supports PRIDE Marianas

Best Sunshine International, Ltd. became one of the pioneering supporters of PRIDE Marianas, a new non-profit LGBT organization in the CNMI that was established very recently.

BSI-Corporate Social Responsibility executive director Geri Dela Cruz along with her team represented the company in donating $2,000 to the organization. Receiving on behalf of PRIDE Marianas were Jack Kiyoshi, vice president; Odin Garces, member; Jerry Pangelinan, member; and Frankie Elliptico, president.

Today, a proclamation will be signed that will formally dedicate PRIDE Week which will be followed by the PRIDE Marianas grand event tonight at the Warehouse.

Eliptico said the donation will be utilized to defray the cost related to putting on the launch of the new non-profit organization as well as expenses for tonight's big celebration.

"I want to express our very deep appreciation to Geri Dela Cruz and the management at Best Sunshine. I'd also like to thank the CSR team who has been helping us with not just resources, but also, those who have been on the ground putting the event together and promoting the event," Eliptico said.

He added, "As a brand new non-profit organization, we have very limited resources so the assistance, help, and expertise that we have been getting from the Best Sunshine CSR team has been phenomenal. We wouldn't have been able to do this without you guys." ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Best Sunshine International, Ltd. Corporate Social Responsibility executive director Geri Dela Cruz hands a symbolic check representing the company's $2,000 donation to Marianas PRIDE, a new non-profit LGBT organization in the CNMI. Photos shows from left officers and members, from left, Jack Kiyoshi, Odin Garces, Jerry Pangelinan, Frankie Elliptico, Dela Cruz, and BSI-CSR team members.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Sonora Santiago were married last June 23. After their wedding ceremony, the new couple celebrated their nuptial day with a reception party at Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe.

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Assistant Executive Housekeeper	1
Room Attendant	80
Room Maintenance Handyman	10
Manager - Public Area	1
Public Area Cleaner	60
Manager - Wardrobe	1
Wardrobe Attendant	20
Seamstress	5
Manager - Laundry	1
Supervisor - Laundry	2
Coordinator - Laundry	1
Laundry Attendant	15
Laundry Runner	5

Hospitality

Administrative Assistant	1
VIP Driver	15
Tour Operator	5

Purchasing

Manager - Purchasing	1

Legal and Compliance

Head of Compliance (AML)	1

Finance

Assistant Vice President / Vice President - Group Taxation	1
Gaming Auditor	3

Food & Beverage

Hygiene Manager	1
Restaurant Manager - Employee Dining	1
Restaurant Manager - Northern Chinese Restaurant	1

Food & Beverage

Restaurant Manager - Cantonese Restaurant	1
Restaurant Manager - Buffet & All Day Dining	1
Assistant Restaurant Manager - Chinese	4
Assistant Restaurant Manager - Buffet & All Day Dining	3
Restaurant Supervisor - Chinese	11
Server I	19
Server II	19
Chef de Cuisine - Buffet & All Day Dining	1
Chef de Cuisine - Northern Chinese Restaurant	1
Chef de Cuisine - Cantonese Restaurant	1
Sous Chef - Buffet & All Day Dining	4

Food & Beverage

Sous Chef - Northern Chinese Restaurant	2
Sous Chef - Cantonese Restaurant	2
Junior Sous Chef - Buffet & All Day Dining	2
Junior Sous Chef - Northern Chinese Restaurant	2
Junior Sous Chef - Cantonese Restaurant	1
Chef de Partie - Buffet & All Day Dining	4
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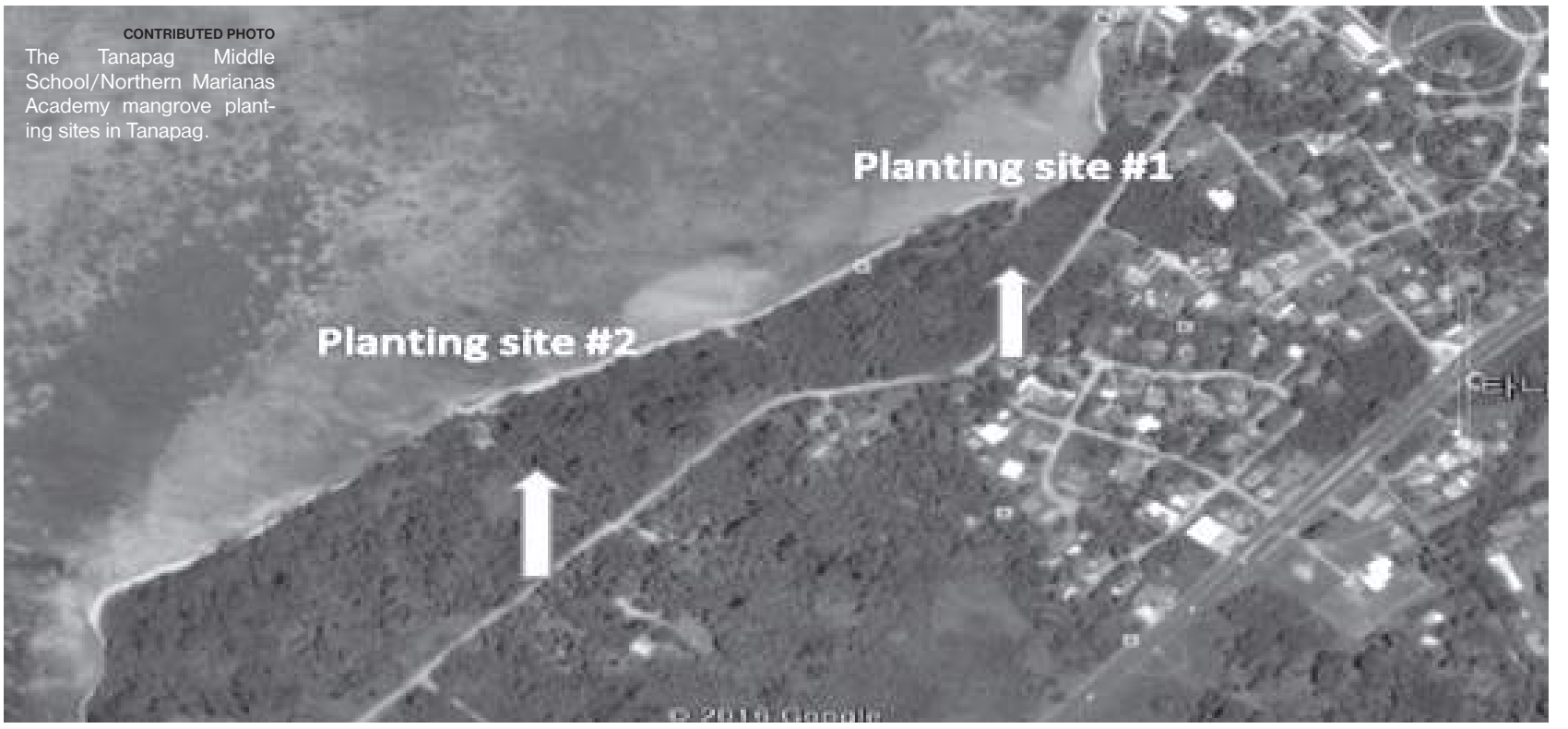

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The Tanapag Middle School/Northern Marianas Academy mangrove planting sites in Tanapag.

Northern Marianas Academy and Tanapag Middle School rounded out the participants in Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance's Schools for Environmental Conservation (SFEC) alongside Mount Carmel, Kagman High School, Marianas High School and Saipan Southern High School.

SFEC is a program that provides opportunities for students and teachers to learn about and work on a project that focuses on a specific environmental issue. This year's theme was "Learning About, Interacting With, and Actively Conserving Saipan's Watersheds." The schools were to create a Conservation Action Plan (CAP) and implement it throughout the school year.

NMA and TMS joined to form one SFEC team under the guidance of NMA advisor Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong and TMS teacher Acelia Dela Cruz. The NMA/TMS team had originally proposed to maintain a stream flowing by the San Roque Cemetery, but following several site visits, had decided that the project would require more manpower than they had available. The team decided instead to focus on how they could enhance two existing mangrove sites in Tanapag by planting additional mangrove trees.

The students learned that mangroves are a group of trees and shrubs that live in a coastal intertidal zone, which is an area of marine shoreline that is exposed to air at low tide and covered with seawater at high tide. There are 80 different species of mangroves. Mangroves slow the movement of erosion and are home for fish and other organisms seeking protection from predators. Other benefits are that they serve as a filtration system and act as dense barriers against storms and tsunami, stabilize shores, improve water quality, help to absorb carbon dioxide, and reduce greenhouse gases.

Scientists are discovering that mangrove swamps are extremely important to the health of the planet, but are disappearing at an alarming rate around the world due to human development, climate change, and aquaculture. In the last decade 35 percent of the world's mangroves have been destroyed.

With assistance from BECQ, DLNR, and Rep. Vinnie Sablan (Ind-Saipan), an

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RFP NO.: RFP16-BECQ/DCRM-112

SUBMISSION: JULY 18, 2016 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP CAN BE MADE TO ERIN DERRINGTON BY PHONE (670) 664-8510 OR BY E-MAIL TO erinderrington@becq.gov.mp. NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, **JULY 07, 2016 CHAMORRO STANDARD TIME, UTC + 10 HOURS (E-MAIL IS PREFERRED).** RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

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/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN
ADMINISTRATOR OF BECQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPY • CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP16-BECQ/DCRM-111

SUBMISSION: JULY 18, 2016 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"2016 CNMI JOINT MILITARY TRAINING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SUPPORT
A PROJECT UNDER THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY"

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP16-BECQ/DCRM-110

SUBMISSION: JULY 18, 2016 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"2016 CNMI VULNERABILITY EDUCATION – VIDEO & RADIO AD, A PROJECT UNDER THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY"

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 03-2016

Opening date: June 24, 2016 **Closing date: July 15, 2016**

Positions:
- (1) Custodial/Maintenance-I (Rota)
- (1) Procurement Technician (Saipan)
- (1) Master Electrician (Saipan)
- (1) Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Trainee (Saipan)
- (1) Vessel Traffic Controller-I (Port of Saipan)
- (1) Mechanic-I (Saipan-ARFF)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original police record not more than six (6) months old, copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport no later than ***4:30 p.m., Friday, July 15, 2016 (ChST)***. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10 year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on holidays, at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal. For additional information, please contact Ms. Lorna Tenorio, by email at lorna.tenorio@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

CPA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and CPA hires those who are legally entitled to employment in the CNMI.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Procurement, Delivery, Training and Certification of Brand New Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipment For the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Project No. CPA-SA-007-16

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies to procure, deliver, train and certify brand new self-contained breathing (SCBA) equipment for the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Departments at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, the Tinian International Airport and the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. Proposals are to include procurement, delivery, training and certification of equipment to each respective airport.

The equipment shall include the quantities and details and product specifications as provided within the scope of work. The scope and product data are available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office.

The proposals shall include the following:

1. Letter of interest;
2. Team Members;
3. Related past project performance (include commendations or certifications, if available);
4. Available resources to accomplish the project;
5. Cost proposal (in itemized SOW format); and
6. Valid Business License.

The contract period for procurement and installation will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of $500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the acceptance date without approved excuse by CPA.

One original and four copies of all proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than 4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax and associated shipping costs.

The procurement is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Total cost for equipment procurement, delivery, training and certification	50%
2. Experience of the firm on similar or related systems	20%
3. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff	20%
4. Timeframe for delivery, programming, training and certification	10%

Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing and may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to Assistant ARFF Chief William Camacho at bcamacho@cpa.gov.mp.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: June 3, 2016

ERNEST T. EUGENIO
P.O. BOX 502394
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AS GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF: LUCIO M. EUGENIO *Child's Name (d.o.b)* Minor Child	)	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0229 NOTICE OF HEARING
By ERNEST T. EUGENIO Petitioner	)	

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor child by ERNEST T. EUGENIO, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 7th day of July, 2016 at 10:30 A.M. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JOSE S. RIOS, Plaintiff, vs. YOO JIN KIM (CHUNG), SAIPAN KOREANA HOTEL, INC., and PACIFIC TOWERS, INC., Defendants	]]]]]]]]]]]]]	CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0007E SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: DEFENDANT YOO JIN KIM (CHUNG)
SAIPAN KOREANA HOTEL, INC.
DEFENDANT PACIFIC TOWERS, INC.

Pursuant to the *Order for Service by Publication* entered by the Court on May 17, 2016 (filed May 23, 2016) YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint to Terminate Lease of Real Property and Return Possession, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Plaintiff Jose S. Rios, whose address is P.O. Box 500107, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above Court:

NMA

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initial visit to the two stream sites resulted in positive feedback for the students to develop their SFEC CAP with a focus on mangrove planting. Flowing down from the Achugao Watershed, the two streams empty out into the Tanapag Lagoon at two points southwest of the Tanapag Beach Park.

According to team advisor and MINA project manager Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong, "It was an exciting project that was decided upon, as going into the project, not much was known about mangrove habitats on Saipan. In fact, we are still learning about mangroves as our team's project progresses."

The TMS/NMA teams came up with two objectives: 1) by the end of 2016, the Tanapag community will be aware of practices affecting streams; and 2) by the end of 2017, there will be a 50-percent increase in number of mangrove trees in targeted sites. To accomplish the first objective, students designed a poster with information about the importance of mangrove habitats that will be placed at Tanapag Middle School and around the Tanapag village. The team plans to hold community meetings in the TMS school cafeteria to discuss mangrove habitats and threats, so that they can help increase best practices of those living upstream from the mangroves located at the end of the streams.

To address their second objective, the students will work with BECQ and DLNR biologists and staff to identify best practices for mangrove planting. Following this, they will hold at least two mangrove-planting events. The team plans to implement their CAP activities through the summer and into the next school year, and is excited to continue partnering with MINA to meet their objectives.

MINA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of the diverse natural resources of the Northern Mariana Islands. MINA's members come from all walks of life and are tied together by the clear understanding that we, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, have the right and responsibility to act as stewards of our own natural inheritance. MINA has a seven member board of directors and more than 90 active individual and business members. Individual membership dues are $20 per year, student dues are $5 per year and business member dues are $100 per year.

To learn more about MINA's various projects, please call 233-7333 or log on to www.minapacific.org. To get updates on our projects follow us on our Facebook page. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tanapag Middle School students visit a mangrove forest in Lower Base to observe the growth of mangrove propagules.

Northern Marianas Academy students do a mangrove tree count at both streams. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Caller Box 10007, Gualo Rai Center, Saipan MP 96950
TEL. NO. 664-8300 FAX NO. 664-8315

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of June 22, 2016

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Aqua Connections, Inc.	5/31/2016 (Re-submit) SLR-2016-X-015	Near Shore Sea Trek Operation	Sugar Dock	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 6/07/2016*
2. MCC International	6/02/2016 SS-2016-X-054	Temporary Road Access	Garapan	Shoreline APC	Approved, 6/06/2016*
3. CUC & AIC	5/31/2016 SCH-2016-X-055	Water Main Extension Project	Dandan, Saipan	Coastal Hazards APC	Approved, 6/08/2016*
4. Ma. Cielita Cascasan	6/08/2016 SSCH-2016-X-056	Land Clearing	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline, Coastal Hazards	Approved, 6/20/2016*
5. Mariana Acquisition Corp.	6/08/2016 SCHPI-2016-X-057	Demolition & Construction of New Office Building	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Coastal Hazards, Ports & Industrial	Approved, 6/17/2016*
6. USA Fanter Corporation	6/10/2016 SPI-2016-X-058	Staging & Stockpiling	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved, 6/20/2016*
7. Windsurfing Saipan	6/15/2016 SSLR-2016-X-059	2nd Annual Marianas Paddle Fest.	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef, Shoreline	Approved, 6/17/2016*
8. Paul Manglona	6/15/2016 SWm-2016-X-060	Land Clearing & Temporary Stockpiling	Capitol Hill, Saipan	Wetlands & Mangroves APC	Approved, 6/21/2016*
10. IT&E	6/15/2016 S/T/RWSPIm-99-X-247	Placement of Micro Duct and Fiber Optic Cables	Mt. Tapochao & Capitol Hill	Wetland, Shoreline, &	Approved, 6/22/2016
11. Imperial Pacific International	6/01/2016 SMS-2015-X-029	Additional 119 Rooms	Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting Amendment	Certified Complete

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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Jewell announces $452M in payments to local communities

WASHINGTON—As part of the Obama Administration's commitment to rural communities, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell announced more than 1,900 local governments around the country are receiving a total of $451.6 million under the 2016 Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program.

The payments represent the largest amount ever allocated under the PILT program to compensate counties and local governments for their support of national parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands and waters as they forego property taxes due to non-taxable federal land in their jurisdictions. A full list of funding by state and county is available at www.doi.gov/pilt.

"Rural communities contribute significantly to our nation's economy, food and energy supply, and help define the character of our diverse and beautiful country," said Secretary Jewell. "These investments often serve as a lifeline for local communities as they juggle planning and paying for basic services like public safety, housing, social services and transportation."

PILT program eligibility is reserved for local governments (mostly rural counties) that provide significant support for national conservation and recreation areas throughout the year.

Jewell

Congress appropriated $451.6 million for payments to counties for the 2016 program. The President's fiscal year 2017 budget proposes to return the PILT program to mandatory funding at $480 million annually, which would ensure funding stability for the program and local communities year after year.

"These investments are one of the ways the federal government can fulfill its role of being a good neighbor to local communities," said Secretary Jewell. "President Obama has made job creation and opportunity in rural areas a top priority for his Administration and has fought for continuing the PILT program. We encourage Congress to take the required action to make sure this important program continues."

Using a formula provided by statute, the annual PILT payments to local governments are computed based on the number of acres of federal land within each county or jurisdiction and the population of that county or jurisdiction. The lands include the National Forest and National Park Systems; lands in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge System; areas managed by the Bureau of Land Management; areas managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Bureau of Reclamation water resource development projects; and others.

» Funding to support vital services in rural communities

Since PILT payments began in 1977, Interior has distributed more than $7.5 billion dollars to states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

The Interior Department collects more than $11 billion in revenue annually from commercial activities on public lands, such as oil and gas leasing, livestock grazing and timber harvesting. A portion of these revenues is shared with states and counties. The balance is deposited in the U.S. Treasury, which in turn pays for a broad array of federal activities, including PILT funding to counties.

Individual county payments may vary from the prior year as a result of changes in acreage data, which is updated yearly by the federal agency administering the land; prior year Federal Revenue Sharing payments reported yearly by the Governor of each State; and population data, which is updated using information from the U.S. Census Bureau. Federal Revenue Sharing payments were made to local governments under programs other than PILT during the previous fiscal year, including the Refuge Revenue Sharing Fund, the National Forest Fund and the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, among others. ***(PR)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,	] Civil Action] No. 14-0192]
vs.	] NOTICE OF] AUCTION] and] JUDICIAL] SALE]
VICTORIA D. DELA CRUZ a.k.a. VICTORIA DLC. CABRERA Defendant.	]]]]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 14th day of April, 2015, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **13th day of July, 2016 at 10 a.m.,** at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 312-4, (formerly part of Lot 312-R2, which was part of Lot 312-R1, which was part of Lot 312), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2115/86 the original of which was recorded 03 JUL 1986 as Document No. 86-1333 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) to reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.

3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 25th day of May, 2016.

/s/
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Hopwood student registration starts June 13

Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School would like to inform the general public that registration will begin on June 13, 2016 for all new incoming and ongoing 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Deadline for registration will be July 31, 2016. Please have all the required documents ready when turning in the registration form:

1. Returning students must have the following:

■ Updated registration form (please make sure all the following is updated on the registration: contact numbers/person, email address, map to and from the school, legal guardianship/court documents, name of individuals allowed to pick up your child).

■ Updated health certificate for SY16-17.

■ Updated school insurance (i.e Moylans, Medicaid).

2. New students must have the following:

■ Completed registration form

■ Transcript/Diploma/Report Card and any supporting documents that prove completion from previous school.

■ Birth certificate.

■ Updated health certificate for SY 16-17.

■ Updated school insurance (i.e Moylans, Medicaid).

Note: Be advised that if you don't have the proper documents for registration we won't accept your registration forms. Please make copies of your documents as well before bringing them. We will charge for any documents needing additional copies.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the following numbers: Hopwood principal Jonas M. Barcinas at 237-3422 or the Registrar's Office at 664-5079/237-3425. ***(PR)***

Tanapag Middle School registration ongoing

The Tanapag Middle School registration for School Year 2016-2017 is now ongoing. All students—returning and new—must submit a registration packet. Packets can be attained from the TMS main office. Office hours are from 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday. All registration packets must be submitted in full to process enrollment. Deadline for registration is July 29. ***(PR)***

3 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged three Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Hafa Adai Hotel, DPW Channel Bridge, and Da-Ichi Hotel.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NOTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DATE: June 24, 2016

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination from the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers (Corps) regarding the proposed reissuance of existing Nationwide Permit with some updates. The Corps is proposing two new Nationwide Permits for "Removal of Low-Head Dams" and "Living Shorelines" and the addition of general conditions regarding "activities affecting structures or works built by the United States" for the 2017 Nationwide Permits.

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally approved coastal management plan.

More information on the Corps' proposed 2017 Nationwide Permits and the federal consistency determination request can be found at DCRM's website: http://ow.ly/aAce301vFYc

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at erinderrington@becq.gov.mp.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for thirty-two (32) days, starting on June 23, 2016 and ending on July 25, 2016 in order to give the public a sufficient opportunity to develop and provide comments on whether the proposed project is consistent with management program enforceable policies and still allow DCRM to issue its concurrence or objection within the sixty (60) day response period.

Public comments on the 2017 Nationwide Permits may be submitted to the Corps through the Federal Register, Docket Number COE-2015-0017; these comments are due on or before August 1, 2016.

We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PEDRO C. ARRIOLA, Deceased.	) **CIVIL ACTION NO. 15-0194**) **NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR DECREE OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION**) **Date: July 21, 2016**) **Time: 9:00am**) **Judge: Joseph N. Camacho**

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE PEDRO C. ARRIOLA OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Luzviminda F. Arriola** and **Kimberly A. White**, Administratrices of the Estate of Pedro C. Arriola, have filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a **Petition for Decree of Final Distribution.** The attorney for Petitioner is **Charity R. Hodson, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 502607, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The hearing on the Petition for Decree of Final Distribution is scheduled to be heard on July 21, 2016, at 9:00am at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated on the above-indicated date.

/s/ Clerk of Court
Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH T. CAMACHO, Deceased.	) CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0017) **NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR DECREE OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION**) Date: July 7, 2016) Time: 9:00 a.m.) Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE JOSEPH T. CAMACHO OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Roselynn Camacho has filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a Petition for Final Decree of Distribution. The attorney for Petitioner is Charity R. Hodson, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 502607, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition for Final Decree of Distribution is scheduled to be heard on July 7, 2016, at 9:00a.m. at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court
Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, **vs.** **MARINA A. CUYUGAN, Defendant.**	**Civil Action No. 14-0171** **NOTICE OF HEARING ON PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 12, 2016, at 1:30pm, a hearing will be held before Judge Camacho on Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2016.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT/
DEPUTY CLERK

Online Agriculture Policy Banks upheld as key innovation for Pacific

SUVA, Fiji—Online Agriculture Policy Banks are ushering in a new era of access to information that is benefitting individual producers and promoting growth in the Pacific region's agricultural sector.

At a recent workshop in Suva, organized by the European Union-supported Pacific Agriculture Policy Project and the Pacific Community (SPC), countries heard how Agriculture Policy Banks are already delivering significant benefits.

Vanuatu and Solomon Islands, who were among the first countries to trial and launch these Banks in the past six months, recounted that these Banks enabled them to communicate and transmit agriculture policy documents easily to other government departments, businesses, farmers and development partners.

Mark Vurobaravu, who manages the Policy Bank at the Vanuatu Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, stated that "this Bank has already made our work easier engaging with stakeholders and has freed-up time enabling us to start translating our documents also to Bislama and French. All documents are in the Bank and available to everyone."

Representatives from 10 Pacific countries, including farmer organisations, regional development partners and private sector organisations, gathered recently at SPC to help build Agriculture Policy Banks for their countries and to discuss and design mechanisms for stronger regional information exchange and national outreach.

Opening the workshop, Dr. Audrey Aumua, deputy director general of SPC stated, "it was very positive to note that the important agriculture sector was leveraging on information and communication technology and knowledge management to help develop the important agricultural sector."

"Repositories of policy information or Policy Banks for 15 ACP countries, including Timor-Leste, are now available online, meaning anyone from anywhere can access these documents," Aumua said.

The week culminated in a showcase of the new Policy Banks to various development partners, private sector representatives and Suva-based diplomatic missions.

Pacific countries will now focus on a number of agreed actions to further build the momentum of these knowledge management initiatives. These included the design of national outreach plans and initiatives to promote regional complementary work.

It is intended that this work will be presented to the SPC and United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Ministers of Agriculture meeting scheduled during the first-ever Pacific Week of Agriculture, to be held in Vanuatu in May 2017.

The Deputy Chief of Mission for the Federated States of Micronesia, Wilson F. Waguk, and H.E. Roving Ambassador Corporate Matai Kaukilakeba from the Fiji Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation were also present at the showcase.

The Deputy Head of Mission of the French Embassy to Fiji, Jules Irrmann, who officiated at the showcase, stated that such portals encourage complementary efforts and the need for countries to work together to promote the agriculture sector.

"Agriculture is a very important topic here. With the e-agriculture policy bank, I was very impressed with what I've seen so far. Each time you want to make a policy you can check what the other countries are doing," Mr Irrmann stated.

"It is very important for the farmers to have direct access to those documents. Instead of taking hours to go to ministries and get the results – now they can receive them on their mobile phone," he added. ***(PR)***

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

RFP16 – RED006
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 5, 2016

"LEASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN LOWER BASE, SAIPAN"

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from interested and qualified companies or individuals for the purpose of commercial leasing and developing the following public lands:

1) Lot No. 013 E 01, containing an area of approximately 19,968 square meters, more or less, in Lower Base, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as is.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available at the Department of Public Lands office, located on the 2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan, during the hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. If hardcopy is preferred, a .50 cents charge per page will assessed, however, full package of RFP is available to download at www.dpl.gov.mp or can be emailed to anyone interested at no cost.

Interested proposers from overseas may request an RFP Packet by email. The request must reference **"RFP16-RED006 LEASE & DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND LOT NUMBER 013 E 01 IN LOWER BASE, SAIPAN".** Requests should be sent to the address shown below.

Questions from proposing firms regarding the contents of the RFP packet must be received, **no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, July 8, 2016 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Ms. Marianne Concepcion Teregeyo, Secretary, Department of Public Lands at the following address:

Department of Public Lands
P.O. Box 500380
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone number: (670) 234-3751/52/53
Facsimile number: (670) 234-3755
Email: mariannet@dpl.gov.mp
Website: www.dpl.gov.mp

Response to questions will be summarized and shared with all proposers in a "Question and Answer" format.

The DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All proposals shall become the sole property of the DPL.

MARIANNE CONCEPCION-TEREGEYO
Secretary
Department of Public Lands

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

RFP16 – RED004
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 5, 2016

"LEASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN CHALAN KIYA, SAIPAN"

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from interested and qualified companies or individuals for the purpose of commercial leasing and developing the following public lands:

1) Lot 1775NEW, containing an area of approximately 6,642 square meters, more or less, in Chalan Kiya, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as is; and
2) Lot 1794NEW, containing an area of approximately 29,899 square meters, more or less, in Chalan Kiya, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as is.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available at the Department of Public Lands office, located on the 2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan, during the hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. If hardcopy is preferred, a .50 cents charge per page will be assessed, however, full package of RFP is available to download at www.dpl.gov.mp or can be emailed to anyone interested at no cost.

Interested proposers from overseas may request an RFP Packet by email. The request must reference **"RFP16-RED004 LEASE & DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN CHALAN KIYA, SAIPAN".** Requests should be sent to the address shown below.

Questions from proposing firms regarding the contents of the RFP packet must be received, **no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, July 8, 2016 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Ms. Marianne Concepcion Teregeyo, Secretary, Department of Public Lands at the following address:

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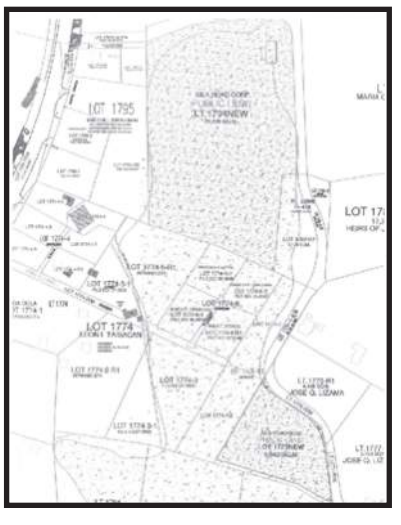

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

RFP16 – RED005
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 5, 2016

"LEASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN LOWER BASE, SAIPAN"

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from interested and qualified companies or individuals for the purpose of commercial leasing and developing the following public lands:

1) Lot No. 244 E 01, containing an area of approximately 2,000 square meters, more or less, in Lower Base, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as is.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available at the Department of Public Lands office, located on the 2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan, during the hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. If hardcopy is preferred, a .50 cents charge per page will assessed, however, full package of RFP is available to download at www.dpl.gov.mp or can be emailed to anyone interested at no cost.

Interested proposers from overseas may request an RFP Packet by email. The request must reference **"RFP16-RED005 LEASE & DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND LOT NUMBER 244 E 01 IN LOWER BASE, SAIPAN".** Requests should be sent to the address shown below.

Questions from proposing firms regarding the contents of the RFP packet must be received, **no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, July 8, 2016 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Ms. Marianne Concepcion Teregeyo, Secretary, Department of Public Lands at the following address:

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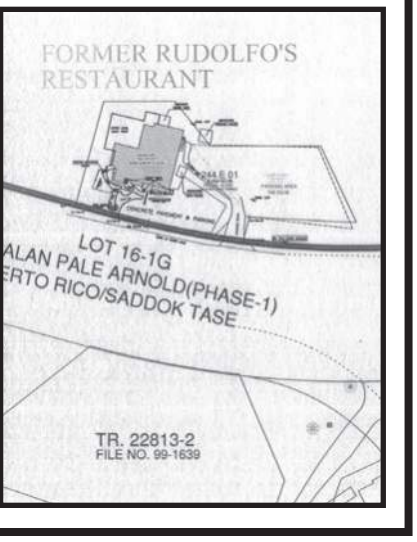

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MARIANNE CONCEPCION-TEREGEYO
Secretary
Department of Public Lands

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST
REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED PROPOSALS – SHIP- V
FIVE HOUSES IN SAIPAN
AND
ONE HOUSE ON SINAPALO, ROTA

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) announces this request for qualified proposals for the following:

1) Two-story 5 Bedroom Concrete House in Kannat Tabla, Saipan – 1 unit
2) 2 Bedroom Concrete House in Kagman III, Saipan - unit
3) 2 Bedroom Concrete House in Kagman, Saipan – 1 unit
4) Two-story 4 Bedroom Concrete House in Sinapalo, Rota - 1 unit
5) 1 Bedroom Concrete House in Kagman III- 1 unit
6) Two-story 5 Bedroom Concrete House in Dan Dan Homestead, Saipan 1- unit

MPLT Resolution 10-10-A2 establishes the Supplemental Home Investment Program (SHIP), under the program, MPLT offers these acquired homes in its inventory to qualified persons. The three significant qualification requirements include the following:

1) The homes are offered at the minimum appraised value;
2) Each proposer is credit-worthy for debt-service for the amount of the appraised value of the home; and
3) The proposer is certified as qualified under the CNMI Homestead Program with the CNMI Department of Public Lands, Homestead Division.

The interest rate is 2% per annum fixed under the program.

Notice is given to all proposers that there are no warranties of any kind as to any of the homes under the SHIP program. Homes are presented for proposals "as is and where is" without warranties as to habitability, suitability or fitness for purpose. It is the responsibility of each interested proposer to inspect or commission an inspection of the property.

In this announcement MPLT solicits qualified proposals for the acquired houses listed above. They are not subject to the right of redemption. Interested proposers may pick up the application packets at the MPLT Office at House No. 1222, Capital Hill; or with the MPLT Loan Administrator (Bank of Saipan) in Chalan Kanoa or at www.mplt.gov.mp

The deadline for submission of proposals for any of the houses is **Tuesday, July 05, 2016 at 4:00PM.**

MPLT hereby reserves the right to cancel, modify or reject this RFP and any proposals should the Trustees determine that doing so is in the best interest of the Trust.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/FHWA-16-RFP-001

ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR ROUTE 34 ROAD REPAIR, SAIPAN, CNMI
PROJECT NO. CM-NH-0034(003)

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified engineering companies for **Engineering Design Services for Route 34 Road Repair Project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).**

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the Procurement Regulations. This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001.

Any corporation or partnership "firm" must have or obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Board of Professional Licensing (CNMI BOPL). Individuals and/or sole proprietors are required to possess a valid professional license issued by the CNMI BOPL.

The Request For Proposals (RFP) package will be available on or after **June 24, 2016** at the Department of Public Works, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 214 Saipan.

A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 212 on **July 12, 2016.** Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, at telephone numbers (670) 234-9828/9838 or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **July 26, 2016.**

Proposals will be evaluated and scored bases on the following criteria:

1. Project Team – **20%**
2. Capacity – **20%**
3. Past Performance – **20%**
4. Local Knowledge and Proximity to the Project – **20%**
5. Project Approach – **20%**

Please refer to the RFP package for proposal content requirements; non-compliant proposals will not be considered.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"DPW/FHWA-16-RFP-001".** For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and six (6) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, (formerly Emergency Management Office behind CHRB Postal Office), Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **July 29, 2016.** Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) calendar days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose.** Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, July 29, 2016 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and six (6) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked no later than **July 29, 2016** and must be received no later than **August 9, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by the criteria provided in the RFP package. Discussions shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and evaluation criteria and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. If there are only (2) proposers, then the minimum number of proposers to be included in the evaluation process shall be two (2). In the event of a tie, the tied proposers shall be re-evaluated by the evaluation committee after further discussions of the submitted proposals and presentations. A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified engineering firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon. The anticipated date for letter of award and notice to proceed is August 2016.

The successful A-E firm will be subjected to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.**

The Government is not responsible for any expenses which Proposers may incur in the preparation and submittal of proposals requested by this RFP, including but not limited to, costs associated with travel, accommodations, interviews or presentations, or proposals.

This project is funded in whole by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the FHWA. All offerors shall be subjected to the provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulations Part 52, Subpart 209-5, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters, March 1996.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become property of the Government.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Jewell announces first step to develop wind energy in waters offshore Hawaii

WASHINGTON—As part of President Obama's Climate Action Plan to create American jobs, develop clean energy sources and cut carbon pollution, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell announced the first step to support wind energy development in federal waters offshore Hawaii, by issuing a call for information and nominations to gauge the wind industry's interest in commercial wind leases in two areas offshore Oahu.

"Today's announcement marks another milestone in the President's plan to support clean, renewable energy from the Nation's vast wind and solar resources," said Secretary Jewell. "Hawaii has important offshore wind energy potential, and we will continue our work with stakeholders across the spectrum to create a path forward for sustainable offshore energy development in the right places with the lowest conflicts across the Aloha State.

In consultation with the Hawaii Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force, Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a Call for Information and Nominations (Call) to gauge the offshore wind industry's interest in acquiring commercial wind leases in two areas spanning approximately 485,000 acres of submerged lands in federal waters offshore Oahu. The Call also solicits public comment on site conditions, resources and other uses in and near those areas, while also supporting the Aloha State's ambitious goal of reaching 100 percent clean energy generation by 2045.

"As Hawaiians are well aware, energy can be expensive due to the transportation costs of fossil fuels that are needed to supply the state," said Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Janice Schneider. "Under the leadership of Governor Ige and the Hawaii legislature, together we are making progress on creating the policy framework necessary to spur the development of offshore wind energy technology, helping further their goal of producing 100 percent of the State's electricity from renewable sources."

Jewell

Today's announcement builds on BOEM's work to foster offshore renewable energy development through a collaborative federal-state process. To date, BOEM's offshore program has identified wind energy areas in federal waters off seven Atlantic states and awarded 11 commercial wind energy leases off that coast. Nine of those leases were issued as a result of competitive lease sales that generated about $16 million in winning bids for more than one million acres. Earlier this month, BOEM announced it will propose an offshore wind lease sale for an area offshore New York.

» Advances administration's clean energy goals, supports Hawaii's plan for a secure, sustainable energy future

In the Pacific, BOEM is processing three unsolicited commercial floating wind lease requests offshore Hawaii and one offshore California, as well as evaluating an unsolicited lease request for a floating wind demonstration project offshore Oregon. BOEM has invested millions of dollars in ongoing environmental and technological studies designed to inform its regulatory process as offshore development proceeds.

"This announcement represents a significant step in facilitating the responsible development of offshore renewable energy to power homes and businesses on the island of Oahu," said BOEM Director Abigail Ross Hopper. "We are working with the State of Hawaii, industry and a broad range of stakeholders to ensure that commercial wind leasing is done in a transparent manner that engages stakeholders throughout the process."

In addition to the Call, BOEM is publishing in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) in the Call area. The NOI seeks public comment for determining issues and alternatives to be analyzed in the EA, which will consider potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with issuing commercial wind leases and approving site assessment activities in the Call area, or parts of that area that BOEM may decide are suitable for leasing.

Once published in the Federal Register, BOEM will accept public comments on the Call and the NOI for 45 days. BOEM will also hold public information meetings to provide additional opportunities for the public to comment and learn more about the process.

For more information about offshore wind planning efforts for Hawaii, visit http://www.boem.gov/Hawaii. ***(PR)***

Ex-staff of environmental consulting firm sentenced to bank fraud

GUAM—Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, United States Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, announced that Eileen Joanne Cruz Quitugua, age 31, was sentenced by Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood of the District Court of Guam to serve 30 months in federal prison, and five years of supervised release, and to pay $159,735.76 in restitution and a $400 special assessment fee. Quitugua pled guilty on Dec. 3, 2015, to four counts of bank fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

In her plea agreement, Quitugua admitted that from October 2011 to January 2014, she embezzled $159,735.76 from her employer Allied Pacific Environmental Consulting (APEC). APEC hired her as its bookkeeper and she was responsible for preparing checks drawn on the company's checking accounts maintained at First Hawaiian Bank. Quitugua forged the signatures of the company owner and other authorized personnel on 221 company checks that totaled $159,735.76. She wrote payroll checks for herself and checks ostensibly for petty cash, and used the stolen funds for her personal benefit.

Limtiaco

U.S. Attorney Limtiaco stated, "The U.S. Attorney's Office and its law enforcement partners are committed to investigating and prosecuting those who victimize and perpetrate fraud against members of our community, including businesses and financial institutions."

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Marivic David. ***(PR)***

NMC offers IT Boot Camp for businesses, govt agencies

As part of its ongoing efforts to offer workforce enhancement programs, Northern Marianas College is offering an IT Boot Camp Training Program that allows participants an opportunity to advance their way toward an IT certification.

"The IT Boot Camp Training will help enhance participants' career growth because the COMPTIA Certification that is earned from the program is a demonstration of talent, skills and knowledge of real-world IT solutions," said Jonathan Liwag, IT director at NMC.

Upon completing the program, participant will be able to prove in practice their command of technology and leverage it to make any organization more technologically proficient and operationally efficient.

For this first round of courses, NMC's Community Development Institute is offering the following IT Bootcamp Training Courses:

A+ TRAINING COURSE:

Upon successful completion of this 40-contact hour course, students will be able to:

■ Describe and Identify the internal components of a computer, Assemble and Disassemble a computer system

■ Install and upgrade an operating system, Repair and Troubleshoot using system tools and diagnostic software

■ Upgrade and repair laptop components based on customer needs, Perform preventive maintenance and be able to trouble components of a printer/scanner.

■ Install and configure a network; upgrade components and conduct preventive maintenance and perform advanced troubleshooting.

NETWORK+ TRAINING COURSE:

Upon successful completion of this 40-contact hour course, students will be able to:

■ Compare the layers of the OSI and TCP/IP models, Install and configure routers and switches

■ Configure wireless network, Troubleshoot network devices

■ Configure and implement SOHO network, Identify and install media types

■ Troubleshoot physical connectivity problems and identify LAN technologies

■ Perform Network management upgrades and installation, Install and configure network security applications

■ Describe and understand network access security and encryption

■ Describe and understand common threats, vulnerabilities and mitigation techniques, Install and configure basic firewalls

Upon successfully completing the bootcamp training with a COMPTIA Certified Instructor, students will receive an NMC Certificate of Completion. The Northern Marianas College is an Academic CompTIA Partner and will provide each student who completes the training with vouchers for the COMPTIA IT Certification Exams. The total value of the exams is over $700 for both IT Trainings.

Register today to reserve your slot at the IT Bootcamp Training. Training schedule:

■ IT BootCamp Training Course - CompTIA A+: July 11, 2016 to July 22, 2016

■ IT BootCamp Training Course - ComTIA Network+: July 25, 2016 to Aug. 5, 2016

Both classes will be held at the Northern Marianas College from 8am to 12pm in Building W Room W-2.

The total cost of the course is $1,500 per student per class. Each participant will also receive the basic PC/Network toolkits, access to online lab materials, and hands-on training.

For more information, please contact the NMC Community Development Institute at 237-6864/6802/6809. Registration is limited to 20 participants for each course, so register early to reserve your seat. Last day to register for the A+ and N+ Trainings will be July 9, 2016. Businesses, government agencies, and individuals are highly encouraged to register. ***(PR)***

Cleanup Brigade sets sights on Pau Pau Beach on July 2

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality Cleanup Brigade will be at it again picking up trash at Pau Pau Beach on Saturday, July 2, 2015 at 8am.

If you would like to volunteer your time to clean and beautify our island, please meet the BECQ representatives on Saturday at the Pau Pau Beach parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade T-shirt.

June's Laly 4 Beach Cleanup was successful with 11 volunteers participating. Thanks to Saipan Southern High School, SGF, Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, and other volunteers about 120 lbs of marine debris was removed from the beach and properly disposed of.

The BECQ is looking forward to a repeat success on Saturday, so join BECQ's monthly cleanup brigade and "Pick It Up!" Let us work together for the health of our coral reefs and cleanliness of our beaches for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about volunteering, please contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(PR)***

Military exercises at FDM June 27-30

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting Military Exercises at Farollon De Mendinilla from June 27 to 30, 10am-7:30pm.

The general location of this activity will be at Farollon De Mendinilla on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Due to the danger imposed by these activities, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is strongly advising the general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—to stay away from these areas during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CNMI Emergency Operation Center- Dispatch Center at telephone number (670) 237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/SWMD16-RFP-002

PEST CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE LOWER BASE TRANSFER STATION & THE MARPI SOLID WASTE FACILITY

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies or individuals to provide Pest Control Services for the Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi Solid Waste Facility, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-210** (competitive sealed proposals) of the Procurement Regulations.

The Scope of Services will be available on or after **June 24, 2016** at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950. A non-refundable payment of One-Hundred-Dollars (US$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the Solid Waste Management Division office.

A Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., local time, at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station on **July 15, 2016.** Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz, Director of Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950 or fax to (670) 322-2762 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time **July 19, 2016.**

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"DPW/SWMD16-RFP-002."** For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 (formerly Emergency Management Office behind CHRB Postal Office), no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **July 25, 2016.**

Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose.** Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **July 25, 2016,** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 25, 2016** and must be received no later **August 03, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of proposal.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offer. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

The firm selected will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section **70-30.3-245** and must be able to obtain a CNMI Business License prior to contract award.

Procurement of these services is made in accordance with NMIAC Section **70-30.3-210** of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposals for the project will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Technical Requirements:
1. Qualifications of the Pest Control Firm: 40%
2. Past Experience or equivalent on Similar Projects: 40%
3. Current Workload and ability to commit to the Scope of Work: 10%
4. Cost: 10%

Price is also a factor that will be considered and will be evaluated in comparison with the overall merit of the proposals. Technical merit is more important than price and the Government reserves the right to award to other than the lowest proposer. As proposals become more equal in technical merit, the importance of price will increase.

Award shall be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined in writing to be most advantageous to the government taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in this request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

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Director of Procurement & Supply

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-16-IFB-014

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Pulverizer System and Construction of Canopy Enclosure

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Supply, Delivery and Installation of Pulverizer System and Construction of Canopy Enclosure,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 17, 2016** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 06, 2016 , 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Division Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 08, 2016** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division,** 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division,** 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.
The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-16-IFB-014**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, July 29, 2016.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, July 29, 2016,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 29, 2016** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **August 11, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, August 15, 2016.** However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on July 29, 2016.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Sixty (60) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Guam's Blas files candidacy for senator

GUAM—Senator Frank F. Blas Jr. launched his re-election campaign by filing his candidacy paperwork at the Guam Election Commission.

"It has been an honor to serve our community and I look forward to continuing my work assisting all of the people of Guam," Blas said.

Blas (R-Barrigada) has dedicated his life to protecting and serving our community. He has served as a Senator in the 29th, 30th, 31st and 33rd Guam Legislatures. Prior to assuming office, Blas was Guam's Homeland Security Advisor and has led an extraordinary effort to protect the island, America's Westernmost Frontier, from terrorist attacks. He is credited for having built the Office of Homeland Security to what it is today, established lasting relationships with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and local military partners and opened the lines of communication among all law enforcement on Guam. Among other key achievements, his leadership led to Weapons of Mass Destruction Training to more than 5,000 residents and a SARS Response Plan that was so precise and effective, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control adopted it as the national template and standard.

Blas started his public safety career as a police officer with the Guam Police Department where he served for 13 years as a patrol officer, homicide investigator, narcotics investigator, special investigations leader and drug investigations trainer. Blas continued his education by attending courses and trainings with the Department of Justice, the National Office of Justice Programs, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the National Prevention Network, and FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. He taught criminal justice classes at the Guam Community College, educating students who were pursuing law enforcement careers. In his six years as a law enforcement teacher, Blas taught many of today's public safety officers who started their careers at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA), the Guam Customs Academy and the Guam Police Academy. Frank is involved with many community organizations. He served as President/CEO for the Make-A-Wish Foundation for Guam, founded Inetnon Manhoben, Inc., a community-oriented drug prevention organization. Senator Blas founded the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation, an organization dedicated to honoring those who suffered and survived Guam's occupation during World War II. He also serves as a board member with the Ayuda Foundation of Guam.

Blas is also an insurance broker, business consultant, and vice president of a family owned and operated business (Frank Blas & Associates, Inc.) that he started with his father, former lieutenant governor Frank F. Blas. He is married to the former Tillie Carmen Reyes. ***(PR)***

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Senator Frank F. Blas Jr. files his candidacy paperwork at the Guam Election Commission.

APTC alumni benefit from Coaching Skills workshop

Employees must continuously upgrade their skills and knowledge to remain on par with industry needs and perform efficiently in the workplace.

Australia-Pacific Technical College (APTC) is offering opportunities for this type of professional development to its alumni in the form of Coaching Skills workshops.

The workshops train alumni to be better mentors in the workplace and to provide constructive feedback to improve productivity.

APTC, which is supported by the Australian Government, has over 9500 graduates who have graduated with Australian qualifications in a wide range of vocational careers across the Pacific.

APTC specialist adviser-professional development, Bridget Gray, said that APTC graduates are well-positioned to share their skills with others in the workplace.

"Interactive workshops, such as these, will allow them to confidently share the skills they have learned over the years at APTC, and coach others in the workplace," she added.

Whitson Sogori attended the first workshop held in Port Moresby last May 10. He is a graduate with Certificate III in Engineering-Heavy Fabrication.

Sogori often trains and mentors new recruits and apprentices, and said that the information and practical skills he acquired at the workshop will help him be a better coach.

Similar views were expressed by another alumnus, Suliasi Sarosaro, who attended the second workshop in Suva last May 25.

Sarosaro is a project officer with Save the Children Fiji, and said, the workshop has helped him develop a two-way communication approach, bringing out the best in workmates and helping everyone function as a team.

"It showed me the importance of learning how to receive and provide feedback. I also learned that sharing knowledge amongst colleagues often closes the gap," he mentioned.

A similar workshop was held last June 2 in Nadi. ***(PR)***

APTC alumni who attended the Suva Training in Workplace-Coaching Skills workshop last May 25. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Kagman High School 4Q honor roll

Kagman High School yesterday released its honor roll list for the fourth quarter of School Year 2015-2016. Below is the list:

12th Grade Principal's List

1. Agulto, Amanda Yollyn
2. Aldan, Rayanna Angelina M.
3. Babauta, Cassey P.
4. Bautista, Lilly Jean K.
5. Blake, Fatimah Syklar A.
6. Borja, Jerry Diego
7. Borja, Sage S.
8. Cabrera, Josepha DL.C.
9. Camacho, Asako Jobel H.
10. Camacho, Benellen S.
11. Camacho, Jessa Mae F.
12. Laoyan, Karen Mae DL.S.
13. Lieto, Ana M.
14. Litulumar Alexander William U.
15. Magofna, Tonnya Lynn S.
16. Mongami, Wileen Judy C.
17. Olopai, Josepha
18. Ramon, Coreen Jermaine T.
19. Salas, Polyn Audrey B.
20. San Nicolas, Mikeala A.
21. Santos, Peter Anthony C.
22. Santos, Sabrina Magdalena P.
23. Tenorio, Viron Joel T.

12th Grade "A" Honor Roll

1. Arellano, Allison DL.C.
2. Basa, Elizabeth Britney
3. Buekis, Florens Nafaman II C.
4. Castro, Richelle Ann M.
5. Castro, Victor Juan C.
6. Chong, Joaquin Joseph S.
7. George, Nimei S.
8. Kapileo, Sarah Lynn T.
9. Magofna, Kayleen D.
10. Mendiola, Edel Marie
11. Mongami, Agnes Rose Miyuki DL.G.
12. Salik, Francisco R.
13. Sojib, Foysal A.
14. Trinidad, Gavin Thomas M.

12th Grade "B" Honor Roll

1. Aguon, Kionney Anthony B.
2. Babauta, Evageline Jade C.
3. Blas, Georalyn Lixan DL.G.
4. Camacho, Audrey Rose R.
5. Camacho, Cary Adrain Brazil DL.S.
6. Camacho, Willdon B.
7. Cangco, Tommy Joe Quinn K.
8. Celis, Christian Frances E.
9. Duenas, Hilaria Magdalena S.
10. Hermosilla, Mardee-Ann Josepha M.
11. Kaliga, Travis Jude N.
12. Kapileo, Raynalynn Joliza
13. Lizama, Dionicio Junior P.
14. Lizama, Keith Q.
15. Malwelbug, David Lionel K.
16. Pua, Jesus Marino N.
17. Pua, Lou Frances Doreen M.
18. Rios, Esteana A.
19. Robert, Nikita Patricia.
20. Sante, Hans Christian M.
21. Santos, Samantha B.
22. Seman, Sinadel Carmen O.

11th Grade Principal's List

1. Babauta, David John
2. Borja, Kloe Kate
3. Butters, Kycel Laurence
4. Hamilton, Brittney
5. Lacson, Phillippe Ernest
6. Magofna, Talianna Keyah
7. Ngalongalo, Jr. Alfredo
8. San Nicolas, Alexa
9. Talon, Iramhel

11th Grade "A" Honor Roll

1. Angui, Doreen Ashley
2. Babauta, Tiara Jaime
3. Coronado, Erika Ariele
4. Lacay, Jocielyn

11th Grade "B" Honor Roll

1. Aguon, Augustin
2. Arriola, Neling Chrystine Saramfisch
3. Babauta, Alyssa Carolyn
4. Bandoja, Michael
5. Besenio, Abundio Jr.
6. Calantog, Steffanyy Diann
7. Camacho Jr., Peter Manuel
8. Camacho, Tia Adelina Emma
9. Cangco, Jenam Lynn
10. Castro, Cindy Hinano
11. Castro, Deeana Therese
12. Masayos, Nikela
13. Nauta, Riana Ignacia
14. Nedlic, Riana Ignacia
15. Ogumoro, Elisha Michael
16. Okawa, Jonas Seikou
17. Pangelinan, Donald Jr.
18. Punzalan, Charles Joseph
19. Quitano, Jose
20. Rebamba, Machael John
21. Sablan, Tasi
22. Tudela, Tara
23. Xavier, Kay Dee Neisowereling

10th Grade Principal's List

1. Cabrera, Mannelyn Aida
2. Cepeda, Alyssa Rae
3. De Leon Guerrero, Austin Tyler
4. Isip, Chelsea
5. Maglanque, Aldionne Enrika
6. Ogumoro, Aaron Luis Aweltiip
7. Rabauliman, Enrique Joven
8. Rago, Francine Brianna
9. Santos, Frances Rosemarie
10. Santos, Patrick
11. Valdisimo, Dionessis Jone

10th Grade "A" Honor Roll

1. Arceo, Christian
2. Cabrera, Gedin Auri
3. Camacho, Alejandra Ursula
4. Dela Cruz, Keilani Marie
5. Fernandez, Keith Kalama Ola
6. Iguel, Marikishalin
7. Jetley, Junita Jyoti
8. Loong, Julie Anne
9. Shrestha, Charmel Antoinette
10. Smith, Nathaley Nicolia
11. Valdisimo, Edson Lui

10th Grade "B" Honor Roll

1. Agulto, Jeremy
2. Camacho, Kyle Joshua
3. Camacho, Ulen Joseph Vicente
4. Cruz, Joey
5. Cruz, Maureen
6. Deleon Guerrero, Latisha Germaine
7. Faisao, Kayleen Jennifer
8. Hocog, Donnalyn
9. Kelulau, Ngirabeketei
10. Litulumar, immaculada Concepcion
11. Lizama, Agnes Carmen
12. Lizama, Trinie Luisa
13. Maliuyaf, Leikita Ilesugmal
14. Mebrere, Andrei Nolan
15. Mendiola, Delores Rita
16. Nawaz, Leila Roxanne
17. Ngotel, Connilene Raena
18. Pinaula, Greggy
19. Quitano, Kyle Keanu
20. Reyes, Francisco Joseph
21. Santos, Dorina Leimalfiisch
22. Semens, Bella Liasaar
23. Torres, Fermin
24. Villagomez, Eugene

9th Grade Principal's List

1. Bandoja, Mikah
2. Camacho, De Faustina
3. Eusebio, Ella Mae
4. Gonzales, Genzo Matua
5. Guerrero, Freddie Jr.
6. Henderson, Rosalie
7. San Nicolas, Kyle Peter
8. Takai, Britney

9th Grade "A" Honor Roll

1. Ada, Romel Jay
2. Blake, Dean
3. Bondoc, Pauline
4. Cabrera, Jose Dyangelo
5. Camacho, Mary-Jo
6. Castro, Chelsea Denise
7. Kaipat, Keoni Raymond
8. Romolor, Alanna Lynn
9. Valdez, Alyssa Marie

9th Grade "B" Honor Roll

1. Aldan, Aundrea Doria
2. Arriola, Jacklyn Gianna
3. Borja, Manuel John
4. Borja, Marc Angelo
5. Camacho, Breanna Kay
6. Camacho, Jaycee Lyn
7. Camacho, Zane
8. Charfauros, Mikeangela Joseannie
9. Danford II, Bobbie Jean
10. Dela Cruz, Sherijean
11. Estal, Mariecris
12. Estella, Andy John
13. Fitial, Rayanna Leanne
14. Hazlip, Cameron
15. Iderbei, Jovanny
16. Igitol, Avilina Divine
17. Kaipat, Dante Peterson
18. Lamorena, Clarence
19. Leon Guerrero, Tindin Terence
20. Lizama, Kimo
21. Manglona, Triane Doritin
22. Masayos, Darian Kleolyn
23. Mettao, Kristian Grace
24. Muna, Camille Heloann
25. Palmes, Kristine Mae
26. Pua, Jovina Cecilia
27. Rasa, Tiara Nicole
28. Romolor, Marysue
29. Sablan, Cheyenne
30. Sablan, Laealdrie Jesslynne
31. Sablan, Taylor Jean
32. Sebaklim, Laurina Ann
33. Taitingfong, Goddhy Gord
34. Torres II, Vincent
35. Tudela, Lance Anthony
36. Tudela, Rachel ***(PR)***

UOG graduate student awarded Japanese govt scholarship

University of Guam graduate student Chris Cabrera was recently awarded the Japanese Government Scholarship for Research Students to study at Nagoya University.

The scholarship waives all tuition for a two-year study abroad, research program and provides a $1,400 monthly stipend to the student recipient.

Cabrera—who received a bachelor or arts in linguistics and Japanese studies in 2013 and is now pursuing a master's in English—said his interest in Japanese culture stems from familial roots. His grandmother is from Okinawa, so throughout the course of his life, Cabrera has been exposed to Japanese food, language, and culture he said.

Dr. Toyoko Kang, professor of Japanese at UOG, recommended Cabrera for the scholarship, noting Cabrera's fluency in the Japanese language, previous study abroad at Okayama University, and his passion for sharing the Japanese culture with his fellow classmates.

"He showed a Japanese movie on campus every other Thursday while he was an undergraduate student," Kang said. "He is not only passionate about watching Japanese movies, but also he loved to share those movies with other students."

The scholarship, which allows the recipient to study for one year at a Japanese university starting this October, not only exposes students to Japanese culture and language but requires them to conduct research in the same or a related field as their undergraduate studies.

"This will give me a chance to better my Japanese [language skills]," Cabrera said. "It's also interesting to think about the school system there and how it will be different. It would be an entirely new perspective on research and writing than I am used to, as well as new professors and students. I would be leaving my comfort zone at UOG, where I have been for so long, but it will be rewarding to be exposed to new ways of learning and professors who can give me insight into my studies." ***(PR)***

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University of Guam graduate student Chris Cabrera walks along the street in Chinatown while visiting Kobe, Japan. Cabrera was recently awarded the Japanese Government Scholarship for Research Students to study at Nagoya University. The scholarship waives all tuition for a two-year study abroad, research program and provides a $1,400 monthly stipend to the student recipient.

Exploring Pacific funding mechanism option to turn tide on NCDs

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga—Pacific Island countries and territories at the inaugural Pacific Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Summit have expressed their support for a Pacific funding mechanism to better balance responses to the mammoth burden of NCDs in the region.

In this regard, the Pacific Island countries and territories at the summit have agreed to explore options to establish greater synergies between funding sources.

A commitment was also made regarding the introduction of national legislation to ensure all Pacific Island countries and territories meet or exceed the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control taxation target and help achieve a Tobacco Free Pacific by 2025.

These are some of 17 key statements addressed in the adopted outcomes document of the high-level Pacific NCD Summit in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, which will be presented for consideration at the Pacific Ministers of Health meeting in Cook Islands next year.

"Whatever we decide to do in terms of addressing NCDs, funding is a very crucial factor," Cook Islands Minister of Health, Justice and Parliamentary Services, the Hon Nandi Glassie, said.

"Taxation on tobacco, sugary drinks and alcohol, for example, is one area, and in fact it's being seen as a positive move so that each country can develop their own form of funding. But from the outset, this is not enough so we're looking for more assistance from our key development partners," Minister Glassie added.

The Government of Tonga and the Pacific Community (SPC) hosted the three-day summit (20 to 22 June) with support from the Australian aid programme, New Zealand Aid Programme, Government of the United States, World Bank, World Diabetes Foundation (WDF), World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

NCDs—mainly heart disease, cancers, lung disease and diabetes—account for up to 75 percent of recorded deaths in the Pacific.

Common themes expressed throughout the high-level discussions, and reflected in the outcomes statement, were the importance of strong leadership, government stability, multi-sectoral collaboration and use of existing traditional governance structures to sustain efforts to reduce NCDs.

UNDP Administrator Helen Clark commended the regional NCD Roadmap for recognizing the importance of action across all sectors for NCDs.

"I firmly believe that the 2030 Agenda can be a springboard for the implementation of the Roadmap. The interconnected nature of the Agenda's 17 goals and 169 targets all but demands national responses which build synergies across sectors," Miss Helen Clark said.

"This Summit is an important opportunity for the Pacific to redouble commitments to addressing the NCD crisis without delay, to build resilience to it, and to be a pathfinder for how we can build the partnerships across government, the UN, Civil society, and the private sector to be respond to NCDs as well as other global challenges requiring urgent and collective action," she added.

More than 120 high-level delegates took part, representing Pacific Island governments and international development partners, including ministers of health from some 14 Pacific countries.

"Knowing what we want to achieve and setting a timeline to it and targets is very important, and I think that's going to be one of the critical suggestions that has come out from this summit," Fiji's Minister of Health, the Hon Jone Usamate, said.

As a testament to the urgent need to effectively tackle the NCD crisis in the Pacific, the United States sent two high-level speakers, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Dr Thomas E. Novotny, and Director of Sports Initiatives and Digital Communications for President Obama's Council on Fitness Sports and Nutrition, Ebony Andrews.

"The Pacific NCD Summit concluded with strong recommendations to take on the social determinants of non-communicable diseases and the main risk factors for these diseases such as tobacco, consumption of high-fat, salty and high sugared food, lack of exercise and alcohol abuse," Dr Novotny commented.

The summit's final day today was entirely dedicated to shining a spotlight on diabetes in the Pacific.

In 2015, eight of the top ten countries and territories identified as having the highest diabetes prevalence in the world were from the Pacific.

The International Diabetes Federation estimates that economic burden of diabetes alone in Australia amounts to A$14.6 billion each year with figures expected to reach A$30 billion by 2025.

"I commend Pacific leaders for being at the forefront of the NCD agenda. We now need to ensure that we take the necessary steps to urgently and strongly combat NCDs because we all agree that our current efforts are not enough," the Pacific Community Director-General, Dr Colin Tukuitonga, said.

"This summit has enabled Pacific Islands countries and territories to share ideas, experiences, prioritise response efforts and further develop opportunities for regional collaboration to overcome this crisis," Dr Tukuitonga said.

Participants at the Summit acknowledged the challenge of tackling NCDs is far from over and effective results can only be achieved with the commitment of all sectors of society, including the media, working together.

"The media needs to ask itself how responsible it is being in holding legislators responsible in the fight against NCDs but also how responsible have they been in helping to fight this fight," Pacific Islands Business Publisher and veteran journalist, Netani Rika said.

"We need to tell the stories of who it affects; the mothers, the fathers, families left without breadwinners. These stories need to be told to wake people up. If we don't do it, people won't pay attention. The media shares the responsibility of building a healthier societies."

Additionally, Dr Novotny announced that the US government will sponsor a Pacific-wide exchange programme focused on obesity, nutrition, and NCDs later this year. The exchange will be part of the U.S. State Department's International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP), and it will send participants on a 10-day visit to the US to learn effective ways of encouraging NCD prevention among youth.

More information about the Pacific NCD Summit can be found online:

■ English: www.spc.int/en/ncd-summit.html

■ French: www.spc.int/fr/ncd-summit.html. ***(PR)***

IT&E equips youth centers with advance Internet, phone services

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IT&E staff and management visit Gualo Rai Youth Center location along with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and other leaders from government agencies. Landline and DSL services are live.

As part of its efforts to strengthen programs and facilities that provide the CNMI's youth with advance communications tools, IT&E announced that it has donated Internet and other technology resources to all youth centers throughout the CNMI.

"In today's highly technological world, it's important to IT&E that we provide our local youth with expanded opportunities for learning and for embracing global connectivity," said Rose A Soledad, IT&E general manager. "As such, the Internet and phone services that we are providing to CNMI Youth Centers is a significant step in that direction."

According to IT&E, there are summer camps that will be conducted at these youths centers in the next few weeks so that the donation of Internet services comes in very timely.

"IT&E is proud to support our future leaders, most especially through programs that can help enhance our youth's educational, personal growth and social skills," Soledad said.

Youth centers that are now operating under the fastest and most reliable Internet and phone services include Koblerville Youth Learning Center, San Antonio Youth Learning Center, Chalan Kanoa Manhoben Center, Gualo Rai Youth Center, Tanapag Youth Center, Tinian Youth Center, and Rota Youth Center.

IT&E expressed its thanks to the coordinators of each Center who worked tirelessly to provide programs that cater to the youth and their overall wellbeing.

"It is indeed a privilege to partake in an essential community program and we look forward to partnering with the coordinators of each of the youth centers to further empower our children," Soledad added. ***(PR)***

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IT&E staff and management visit Tanapag Youth Center, another location enjoying IT&E's high speed Internet and landline services

IT&E staff enjoy a game of foosball.

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The youth enjoying time spent at the Gualo Rai Youth Center.

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IT&E Customer Service manager Janice Tenorio joins the youth in a recreational activity

FOR SY2016-2017

MCS Class of 1994 scholarship now accepting applicants

The Mount Carmel Class of 1994 is offering one scholarship for school year 2016-2017.

"The '94 scholarship had an amazing inaugural year and I am pleased the 1994 AlumKnights are able to sustain the scholarship for the second year in a row. Thanks to the 94 class for their continued support of their alma mater," said Galvin Deleon Guerrero, MCS president.

Last year's recipients of the 94 Scholarship were Thomas Manglona II and Catherine Javier.

The "94 Scholarship" is open any student that is enrolled as a junior for SY2015-2016 at any school in the CNMI, and shall be a senior for SY2016-2017, is eligible to apply by answering the question, "What Makes You THE ONE?"

Essays must be an original piece in written, audio or video format. Audio or video Applicants must also have cumulative scores of 87 percent or higher; or a grade point average of 3.0 or higher; and submit a completed application form. Only electronic submissions of the essays and application forms will be accepted at mcsclassof1994@gmail.com.

According to class president, Manny Ramon, the intent of the award is to encourage more students to experience the excellent academic and catholic education offered at MCS.

"Our senior year is one of the most memorable times as a teenager and I'm hoping this student will also develop a sense of pride of being a MCS Knight as he or she complete their senior year."

Fellow alumKnight, Richard Santos adds, "We are pleased to offer this opportunity to a student in his/her their final year at MCS. I know that I look back at my education with fond memories."

Essays will be based on creativity, commitment to service, leadership and sense of purpose. A written essay must be at least 1994, but not more than, 2250 words. An audio or video essay must be recorded, between 5 and 9.4 minutes, and submitted via YouTube link.

The awardee will receive $1,994 toward his/her MCS school tuition. Other costs associated with enrolling and graduating are not included. Applications are due by Friday, July 15, 2016, 11:59pm Chamorro Standard Time. Interviews will be held July 16-28 and the scholarship awardee shall be notified by July 29.

General questions on the application and scholarship may be submitted via email to mcsclassof1994@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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Thomas Manglona II and Catherine Javier, featured above, were the first 1994 Scholarship recipients for SY2015-2016. Both assisted the MCS Class of 1994 at the annual cleanup at Maturana House of Prayer.

MCS Board of Directors elects new officers

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Newly elected officers for Mount Carmel School's Board of Directors gather for a photo after a recent board meeting. From left, Fr. Ryan Jimenez, Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, secretary Joe A. Pangelinan, chair Vicente "Ben" Babauta, vice chair Jacqueline Che, outgoing chair Joe Taijeron, and treasurer Will Hunter.

Pursuant to its by-laws requiring periodic changes in leadership, Mount Carmel School's Board of Directors recently elected new officers.

Vicente "Ben" Babauta, an AlumKnight and the assistant general manager for Operations for DFS Saipan Limited was elected as the new chair. Jacqueline Che, AlumKnight and director of Institutional Effectiveness for Northern Marianas College, was elected as the vice chair, with AlumKnight and entrepreneur, Will Hunter, elected as treasurer, and Joe A. Pangelinan as secretary.

The new board officers and board members expressed their appreciation to outgoing chair, Joe Taijeron. Under Taijeron's leadership, the school launched several important initiatives. Headed by a leadership change four years ago, the school reversed a decade of enrollment decline, going from about 250 students to current enrollment projections of over 500. The school also improved its financial situation, rose scores on standardized tests, and switched to a new accreditation model. On top of that, Taijeron led the school board to give faculty and staff the first significant salary increase in over a decade.

The new board officers look forward to building on Taijeron's legacy by finalizing the school's strategic master plan, which will be launched in the coming school year. To get a jumpstart, the officers are scheduled to meet in July to develop goals and objectives for the coming year. ***(PR)***

CUC: Water service interruption for Upper Navy Hill, Chinatown

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in the villages of Upper Navy Hill and Chinatown are currently experiencing an emergency water service interruption due to a damaged main service lateral in Chalan Galaide, which caused low water source in the tank.

The leak was discovered yesterday at 6:30pm. Water Operations Personnel were informed and repairs were initiated and later completed at 8pm. The tank is currently being refilled and customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of regular water service tomorrow morning. CUC apologizes for any inconvenience resulting from this water service interruption.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Advance birthday greetings go out to Ryle Yuan A. Montano. Greetings from your beloved family.

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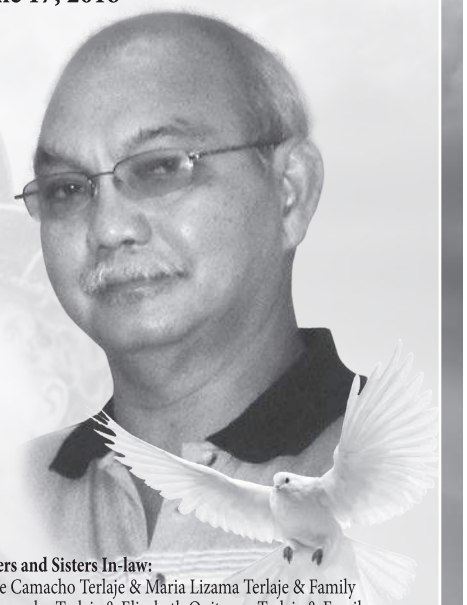
In Celebration of His New Life

†JULIAN QUIDACHAY REYES

June 2, 1949 – June 17, 2016



In his new life he now joins his:

Father: †Jose Blas Reyes
Mother: †Rosa Quidachay Arriola
Wife: †Rita Terlaje Reyes
Son: †David Terlaje
Grandson: †Joseph Julian Terlaje Reyes
Brother: †Vicente Q. Borja
Sister: †Maria E. Omar
Parents In-Law: †Jose Terlaje
†Regina C. Terlaje
Sisters In-Law: †Rosita Terlaje Pangelinan
†Maria Terlaje Palacios

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Mother: Jesusa A. Reyes
Common-law wife: Elenita Solis Avancena
Children:
Jesusa Arriola Laxamana
Soledad Terlaje (Daling) – David/Jose Terlaje
Janice Reyes/Julian Rebuenog Camacho – Jaydene Pearl R. Camacho
Pauline Reyes/Mariano Rios Iglecias – Ryan Casey R. Iglecias/Marita Pauline R. Iglecias/Moira Ailaina R. Iglecias/Hayley Gin R. Iglecias
Joyce Reyes/Diony A. Camacho – †Joseph Julian Terlaje Reyes/Jonathan Julian R. Camacho/ Jennifer Judith R. Camacho/Diony "DJ" R. Camacho
Antonette Reyes/Ray Ervin Inos Manglona – Jaime Anthony R. Manglona/Laura Maria Inos Manglona /Ray Ervin Inos Manglona/Rita Mae R. Manglona

Siblings:
Mary Reyes Mafnas & Family
Doris Reyes and Johnny Nauta & Family
Arlene Reyes and Steven Unpingco & Family
Junie Reyes and Dale Peterson & Family
Janice Reyes and Dennis Lock & Family
Tricia Reyes and Ray Souza & Family

Daniel Evangelista & Family
Jose Q. Arriola & Family
Pedro Q. Arriola & Family
†Vicente Q. Borja & Family (In-law)
†Maria E./Antonio P. Omar & Family
Dolores A./†Ricardo S. Santos & Family
Adelina A./Michael Ibanez & Family
Virginia A./David S. Santos & Family
Rosario Q. Arriola & Family
Frances Q. Arriola & Family

Brothers and Sisters In-law:
Vicente Camacho Terlaje & Maria Lizama Terlaje & Family
Jose Camacho Terlaje & Elizabeth Quitugua Terlaje & Family
†Maria Terlaje Palacios & Antonio Arriola Palacios & Family
Annie Terlaje Pickelsimer & Frank Joseph Pickelsimer & Family
Magdalena Terlaje Hazen & Mark Richard Hazan & Family
Antonia Terlaje Woodworth & Donald Woodworth & Family
Helen Castro Sablan & Jesus Hosono Sablan & Family
†Rosita Terlaje Pangelinan & Mark Dave Sablan Pangelinan & Family

He will be greatly missed by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends

Mass is being offered @ Santa Soledad at 6:00 P.M. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2016. His remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral at 8:00 am to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service and Holy Rosary will take place upon arrival of remains.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers,

Thank you - Si Yu'us Ma'ase

From the Children and Family

Life & Style

MCS' Theatre Club kicks off 2016 Kids Drama Camp

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Drama campers perform a scene while camp leader, Kristle Richardson, films their performance.

Drama campers perform a scene from a *Star Wars* reader's theater script.

This past week, Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club launched its 2016 Kids Drama Camp, which will run until July 29. Open to all kids ages 6 through 12, the camp will help participants appreciate the performing arts by studying concepts and skills in theatre which they will then apply towards a production at the end of the year. This year, the camp will also help students learn more about film production, and the theme for the entire camp will be *Star Wars*.

Drama campers sketch out designs for home-made theater masks.

Interest in the camp was so high that the school had to increase the cap from 30 to 40, with some applicants still on a waitlist. "We are thrilled that our community is so interested in theatre, filmmaking, and *Star Wars*," said school president and Theatre Club adviser Galvin Deleon Guerrero. He added, "Our Theatre Club has staged numerous stage and film productions, so this camp will help us share our love of both traditions with kids from around the island. The Force is strong with them."

Set to run each weekday from 8am to 4pm at the school, the Kids Drama Camp will help kids learn more about many aspects of the performing arts, including how to perform on stage, how to run the back stage, and how to prepare for a production. The camp will also introduce students to key aspects of filmmaking, including preproduction, production, and postproduction. Kids in the camp will also learn and enjoy numerous theatre games and activities that will help them overcome stage fright, grow closer together as an acting troupe, and become young budding dramatists and filmmakers. The camp will culminate with a film that the students make, most likely a *Star Wars* fan film.

Since its inception in 1996, the school's Theatre Club has staged almost 40 productions, including numerous films. To draw on this experience, current and veteran members of the club have been tapped to run the camp as camp leaders and camp counselors. The club will also draw from vast theatrical resources it has accumulated over the years for use in the drama camp.

The Kids Drama Camp is made possible by a grant from the CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program. ***(PR)***

Drama campers reflect on what they've learned by drawing and writing comments on a presentation poster.

Drama campers show off their home-made theater masks from *Star Wars.*

A Drama camper cuts out her home-made theater mask.

Drama Camp counselor, Luisa Camacho, left, helps a Drama camper with his home-made theater mask.

Actress Alyssa Chia Ching Wen visits Saipan, Tinian

Celebrity actress Alyssa Chia Ching Wen was on Saipan and Tinian from June 2 to 8, 2016, for a film shoot arranged by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Through its Beijing office, the MVA collaborated with three magazines, five online websites, and five video websites on the shoot with the movie and television actress, who is popular in both Taiwan and China. The resulting photos and videos will be published on the cover of *Voyage* magazine, the inside pages of *SkyLife and Travel + Leisure* magazines, and in video and online reports for an estimated ad exposure value of $3 million.

Chia filmed at Agingan Point, Coral Ocean Point Resort, Kensington Hotel chapel, and on Tinian. They highlighted cuisine, water sports, land sports, and romantic and family activities in the Northern Marianas. Site inspections were also held at Kensington Hotel, San Juan Beach, Marpi, Bird Island Lookout, Mt. Tapochau, and other locations. Chia and her baby BuBu stayed at Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

"We're told the whole group had a wonderful time on both islands, especially with the cultural performances," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "We expect that through the continued outreach of our off-shore offices, the Northern Marianas will become increasingly popular with celebrities."

The shoot was also covered by key opinion leader Hu Bo, for video and online media exposure (a key opinion leader, or KOL, is an individual who influences media or target groups).

The online website reports have already been uploaded and magazine reports will be published in August or September. Video reports will be available in early July.

"The KOL and photographers think this is a great place for vacations and photography," said MVA Marketing specialist Laura Hsiao, who accompanied the group during their tour.

"They said the combination of the light and color is so good that you hardly need to edit or use Photoshop on the photos. They especially had a great time taking photos with happy local kids.

"After the photo shoot each day, Ms. Chia couldn't wait to go running or take her own vacation photos at the beautiful and peaceful sites, under the starry sky, in the ocean and by the beach," added Hsiao. "Originally, she didn't plan to take her baby to Tinian, so we were very surprised when she changed her mind and requested to include Baby Bubu for the filming there. Of course, we were happy to arrange it."

The tour was also supported by Aqua Resort Club, The Shack, Best Sunshine International, Ltd., I Love Saipan, Kinpachi Restaurant, and Impression Tours. ***(PR)***

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Actress Alyssa Chia Ching Wen at Coral Ocean Point Resort on Saipan on June 6, 2016.

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Actress Alyssa Chia Ching Wen films at San Juan Beach, Saipan, on June 4, 2016.

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Actress Alyssa Chia Ching Wen at Kensington Hotel, Saipan, on June 6, 2016.

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Members of Chamorro cultural dance group Simiyan I Manana-ta with actress Alyssa Chia Ching Wen at Kilili Beach Park, Saipan, on June 4, 2016.

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Actress Alyssa Chia Ching Wen, left, films in Marpi, Saipan, on June 4, 2016.

Free food and internet keep son from fully moving out

DEAR ABBY: My 21-year-old son, "Evan," recently moved out to be with his girlfriend. They live in a small apartment and cannot afford a lot beyond the basics, including internet. They spend every moment at my house when they are not working. They use our internet, eat our food and drink our beverages. I know this may sound terrible, but I want my freedom!

I don't feel I should be obligated to give them free food and internet every day, considering that they show up with new phones and new speakers in their cars. When I try to discuss it with them, they accuse me of being "mean." They don't comprehend why I feel taken advantage of.

If they would come to visit with me instead of just hanging around, I'd welcome it. But neither of them hardly speaks to me while they're here. How do I approach this without making Evan and his girlfriend feel completely unwelcome?

MOM NEEDING SPACE IN TEXAS

DEAR MOM: Set some boundaries by telling Evan and his girlfriend a version of what you have written to me. Explain that they're welcome to come over once a week or twice a month—provided they act like good guests while they're there. Then describe for them what that means, including staying off the internet and leaving their new cellphones in the car.

And while you're at it, don't forget to mention that gracious guests occasionally invite their hostess OUT for a bite. That's not being "mean"; it's explaining the facts of life they seem to have missed while becoming the adults they are.

DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old granddaughter has always been shy and quiet. Boys at school sometimes approach her to "date." She likes one really sweet boy who is kind of shy like she is. He held her hand for the first time recently (she was wearing gloves) and she freaked out! Now she walks around with her hands in her pockets when she's around him.

Why is she so afraid? She can't relax and just like him. Please tell my daughter and me how to handle this. Does my granddaughter need to see a doctor?

GRANDMA PEGGY

DEAR GRANDMA PEGGY: The person you should ask about the reason for her extreme reaction after that boy held her hand is your granddaughter. She is either not ready to have a relationship with a boy—not all teens mature at the same rate —or she may not be as into the young man as you think she is.

If she's comfortable the way she is, don't push her. If she indicates to you that she's unhappy, THAT's the time to enlist the help of a doctor or licensed mental health professional.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: Should I be offended that my in-laws set up a college savings fund for my children but didn't allow me—only my wife—to be an authorized signer on the accounts? I am grateful, but I also feel slighted. Am I wrong to feel the way I do about this situation?

LEFT OUT IN CALIFORNIA

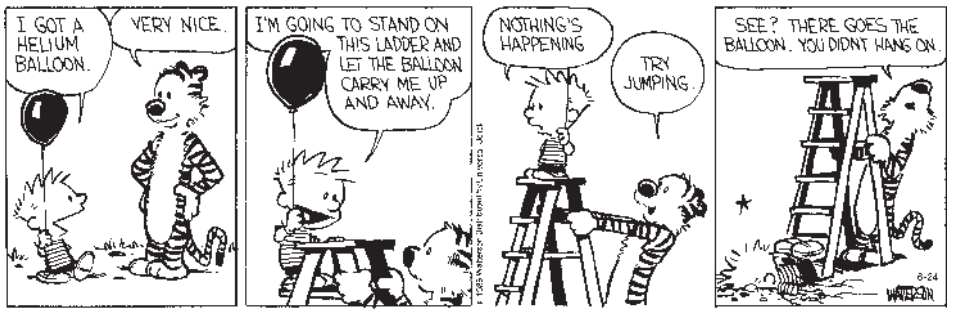
DEAR LEFT OUT: Right or wrong, your feelings are your feelings. If you want to know whether they are valid, while you are thanking them for their generosity, ask your in-laws why they arranged the fund that way.

To order "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby – Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


I GOT A HELIUM BALLOON.
VERY NICE.
I'M GOING TO STAND ON THIS LADDER AND LET THE BALLOON CARRY ME UP AND AWAY.
NOTHING'S HAPPENING
TRY JUMPING.
SEE? THERE GOES THE BALLOON. YOU DIDN'T HANG ON.
WATTERSON

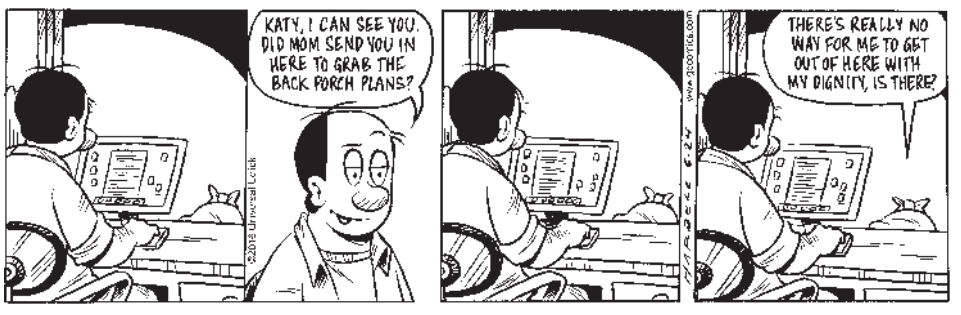
Garfield®

By Jim Davis

WHAT HAVE YOU TWO BEEN UP TO?
JIM DAVIS 6-24
WE WERE JUST WAITING FOR THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD TO STOP BY!
AWWWW
YOU CAN MAKE MINE A KITTY LIVER TREAT

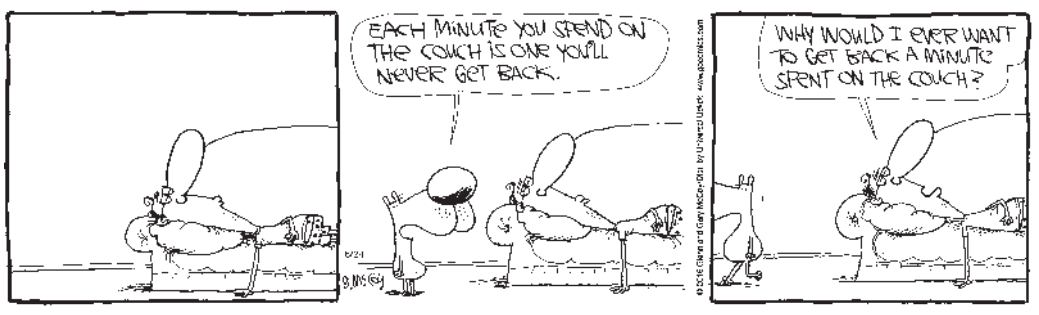
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


KATY, I CAN SEE YOU. DID MOM SEND YOU IN HERE TO GRAB THE BACK PORCH PLANS?
THERE'S REALLY NO WAY FOR ME TO GET OUT OF HERE WITH MY DIGNITY, IS THERE?

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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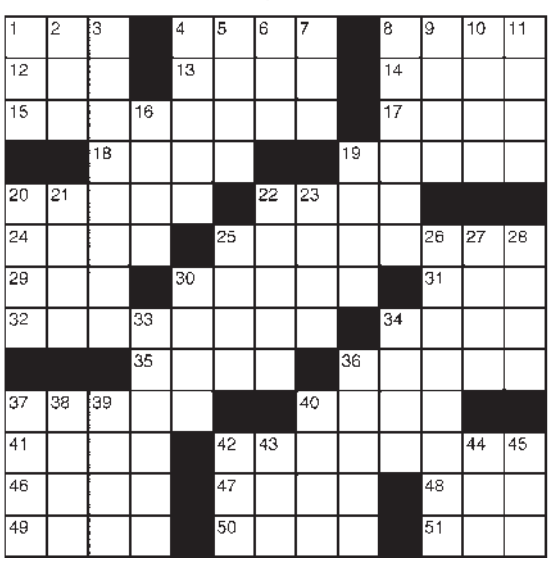
Yesterday's answer 6-24



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Minka Kelly, 36; Mindy Kaling, 37; Sherry Stringfield, 49; Jeff Beck, 72.

Happy Birthday: If something is bothering you, do something about it. It's sitting and waiting that will drive you crazy and make you angry and dissatisfied with your life. Make every decision count. Look for unusual ways to solve problems and to make the personal changes that will keep you looking and feeling your best. Your numbers are 7, 15, 19, 23, 31, 37, 42.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Join a group or an organization that can utilize your skills and services, and you will connect with the people who can introduce you to new prospects. Your intelligence, good values and insights will help you excel. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Set doable goals and put your priorities in order. Don't give in to emotional threats. Stand up for your beliefs and do what you can to expand your awareness. Concentrate on personal gains, romance and improving your life. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): A job you take on will turn out to be something you enjoy doing. You will be rewarded if you do a little extra. Start a conversation with someone you look up to, and a greater opportunity to do your own thing will arise. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Your charm coupled with your excellent memory will help you get your way. Try doing something that will separate you from the crowd. A personal change to the way you look or do things will encourage a romantic encounter. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Practicality and common sense will be required when it comes to handling your personal finances. Don't feel the need to pay for others or let emotional purchases put a dent in your pocketbook. Keep busy helping others. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Plan your actions carefully. It's what you do, not what you say, that will make a difference. A creative approach to an old idea will make others take notice. A personal relationship will improve with a little tender loving care and future plans. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Show off your talents and what you have to offer. Dig in and do your homework. Finding a new way to offer an old skill will put you ahead of any competition you face. Education will result in positive changes and new partnerships. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Make special plans with someone you love. Getting out or taking a mini trip will encourage you to resolve any pending issues that have been plaguing your relationship. Don't get angry when you should be passionate and understanding. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You'll be drawn to excitement and adventure. Be careful not to take part in something because of what someone else tells you. Do your research and kick off your plans with the desire to excel. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Less talk and more action will lead to completion and success. Once you clear up your responsibilities, you can concentrate on love, romance and making special plans with the people you love the most. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Talks will help you bring about the changes you want to see happen at home or in your professional arena. Speaking up will encourage others to voice their opinions and help you reach your goals. Set the mood and you'll encourage others to follow. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Put your ideas in to play. Surprise someone you love. Your actions will make a difference and encourage you to bring about positive changes to your relationships with others. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are inquisitive, imaginative and open-minded. You are assertive and charismatic.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

		2			3		4	
1			7 6			5	9	6
	7	6						1
9						8	5	
2	1 4	5	2		9 8	3		7

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 6/24

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

3	1	6	8	9	7	5	2	4
7	8	4	2	5	3	9	6	1
5	2	9	6	4	1	8	3	7
1	4	8	5	7	2	6	9	3
6	3	5	9	1	8	4	7	2
2	9	7	3	6	4	1	5	8
4	6	3	7	8	5	2	1	9
9	7	1	4	2	6	3	8	5
8	5	2	1	3	9	7	4	6

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/23

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

LATHER UP Solution: 7 letters

D	S	W	O	D	N	I	W	A	L	L	S	B	B	D
S	E	E	A	S	M	R	A	R	E	H	T	A	E	L
H	H	I	S	T	A	C	S	S	Y	O	T	T	S	I
A	S	O	L	S	E	B	H	U	B	H	E	H	N	Q
V	I	S	E	P	U	R	E	S	T	R	G	I	A	U
E	D	R	B	S	P	O	R	I	G	N	H	N	E	I
R	I	O	C	R	E	A	M	E	I	S	O	G	L	D
T	D	O	Ⓗ	K	C	E	N	T	E	P	R	A	C	R
Y	G	L	Ⓐ	N	C	T	A	H	M	U	S	B	L	I
E	L	F	Ⓘ	E	S	E	T	A	B	L	E	G	S	V
S	A	K	Ⓡ	H	W	O	D	S	O	A	P	Y	S	E
N	S	F	O	S	L	A	T	H	E	R	I	N	G	W
I	S	W	R	C	O	V	E	R	I	N	G	S	O	A
R	E	T	N	U	O	C	O	A	T	I	N	G	D	Y
R	S	K	A	O	S	H	A	M	P	O	O	I	L	S

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Applied, Arms, Bathing, Bath Time, Body, Carpet, Cars, Cats, Cleanse, Clothes, Coating, Counter, Covering, Cream, Damp, Deck, Detergents, Dishes, Dogs, Driveway, Floors, Glasses, Hair, Horse, Lathering, Leather, Legs, Liquid, Mousse, Oils, Rinse, Rubs, Shampoo, Shaver, Shoes, Shower, Skin, Soak, Soapy, Surf, Sweating, Tires, Toys, Walls, Washer, Water, Windows

Yesterday's Answer: Sold Out

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1-Accountant Bookkeeper/Computer Operator - $6.05 w/ 6 yrs exp & knowledge in Acctng & Taxes. Japanese Foods import/export docs related. Mail resume to SPE Saipan Box 502696 Saipan MP 96950.

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4 Landscaper and Grounds Keeping Worker, (2) Waiters and Waitress, minimum wage. Mail resume to MTO Maintenance (Saipan), Inc. at P.O. Box 504053 Saipan, MP 96950.

Beauty Care Instructor. $6.00-$7.00/hr. w/2yrs. teaching exp. Send resume to paolo.tabuada@yahoo.com.

WHATZIT Solution:
Packed like sardines

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Gen Maintenance - with 2-5 years experience, preferably have a background of troubleshooting power generator, air conditioner and some equipment used in maintaining the building and equipment used for business. Have a background of carpentry.

Please send your resume at hr.islandapparel@gmail.com
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Susupe, Saipan MP 96950
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(1) Telecommunications Manager of their Saipan office
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EMPLOYMENT

1 Taekwondo Instructor, $10.25/hr. Mail resume to Blue Dragon Martial Arts Corporation at P.O. Box 506310 Saipan, MP 96950.

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1 Maintenance and Repair Worker, minimum wage. Mail resume to Elliot System, LLC. at P.O. Box 5568 Saipan, MP 96950

IM CALVO, LLC
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Saipan

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

General Manager :
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Major Responsibilities and requirements: Bachelor's degree in Cost Engineering or related discipline with at least 3 years related work experience, including 2 years of estimating experience. Prepares cost estimates on proposals, projects and studies and ensure that the content of the estimate is complete, accurate. In charge of the maintenance of the Company estimating database. Coordinate and review the variable estimating factors in each area with Construction, Engineering Operations and Procurement. Excellent communication, organization and analytical skill. Written and verbal communication skills in English and Chinese (Mandarin) preferred. Willing to travel.

A pre-employment drug testing is required.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan.
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Job Vacancy Announcement

JVA No. 16-028

Opening Date: Thursday, June 02, 2016
Closing Date: Until Filled.

Chief Financial Officer

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") is seeking for a qualified Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"). CUC is a public utility corporation located on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI")—a United States territory in the northwestern Pacific Ocean.

The CNMI is a tropical paradise of fourteen islands. In the CNMI you can escape to a place of magnificent beaches and crystal clear aqua waters, and rich history. Saipan offers year-round outdoor activities, world class diving and golfing, international shopping, a range of ethnic restaurants and a cacophony of indigenous and international cultures.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:

Reporting directly to CUC's Executive Director or designee, the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") works directly with the Deputy Executive Director ("DED"). The CFO fills a position required by the Stipulated Order ("SO") of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case No. CV 08-0051.

- Responsible for the overall accounting, budgeting, and financial operations of CUC.
- Supervises professional and support staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff are trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations.
- Maintains the financial and budget records and accounts of CUC.
- Performs financial, budget and rate analyses of operations and revenues; makes recommendations for adjustments to rates.
- Develops, implements and enforces financial and budget policies and procedures.
- Prepares complex financial and budget reports and special reports as requested by the Board.
- Schedules and coordinates annual audits with independent contractors.
- Prepares an annual report of the financial condition of CUC.
- Plans, implements and monitors short and long-term goals for the department and CUC.
- Other duties of a similar nature or level as assigned or required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Successful candidates for CUC's Chief Financial Officer must have the following:

- Education:
  - o Bachelor's degree in accounting or financial management from a United States accredited institution or one with equivalent accreditation;
- Experience:
  - o Ten (10) years of professional experience in governmental or financial accounting, including experience in a supervisory and/or management position.
- Certification and Licensing:
  - o A Certified Public Accountant or Certified Management Accountant is desired.
  - o Ability to obtain and maintain a CNMI driver's license of the appropriate class upon hire is required.
- Must demonstrate the following:
  - o Thorough knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, as well as Financial Accounting Standards Board and Government Accounting Standards Board pronouncements and interpretations, auditing principles, and utility rate structures and rate setting principles and methods;
  - o Working knowledge of automated financial systems and programs to manage all aspects of reporting, personnel management and training;
  - o General knowledge of utility operations, debt collection practices, and limitations.
- Knowledge of:
  - o Supervisory principles;
  - o Managerial and leadership principles;
  - o Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or other applicable laws, rules and regulations;
  - o Budgetary principles;
  - o Financial principles;
  - o Mathematical principles.
- Skill in:
  - o Monitoring and evaluating staff;
  - o Prioritizing and assigning work to staff;
  - o Applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations;
  - o Applying accounting procedures and principles;
  - o Developing and implementing procedures and standards;
  - o Analyzing accounting transactions;
  - o Preparing and analyzing financial statements, budgets and reports;
  - o Establishing internal control and compliance systems and information systems;
  - o Conducting cost-benefit analysis;
  - o Preparing annual reports;
  - o Estimating costs for projects;
  - o Analyzing and setting rates;
  - o Using computers and related software applications;
  - o Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

LOCATION: Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY INFORMATION: Based on credentials and specialized experience and whether applicant has a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.

POSITION: One (1).

CONTRACT: Two-year; subject to renewal.

RELOCATION EXPENSES: If hired from outside the CNMI, relocation expenses are negotiable; but they are not to exceed $5,000.00 for moving to Saipan and not to exceed $5,000.00 for moving away from Saipan. Receipts will be required for justification. Other conditions may be applicable.

SUBMISSION PROCESS: Please submit (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume, (3) a list of references, and (4) a CUC Employment Application by one of the following means:

1. United States Postal Service, First Class Mail or Priority Mail*:
   Human Resource Office
   Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
   P. O. Box 501220
   Saipan, MP 96950-1220 USA

   *If you choose to submit via USPS, please still also fax "or" email "or" drop off your package.
2. Fax: 670-235-5131
3. Email: employment.applications@cucgov.org
4. Drop Off: Drop off your package at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian or Rota Administration Office.

POLICIES: The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will not discriminate or tolerate discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.

It is also the policy of CUC to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment.

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Send references, police clearance and resume to QCM, LLC. at PMB 3602 Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950.
Closes on July 7, 2016

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(1) Accountant
- 2 years work related experience in financial transactions.
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Must be a college graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as a Mechanical Engineering Technician with knowledge on how to apply Theory and Principles of Mechanical Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and other facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

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Must have at least 5 years work related experience. Able to diagnose and undertake electrical repairs on a wide variety of vehicles and heavy equipment. With knowledge on electric motor, alternator, starter and motor rewinding.

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Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

Heavy Equipment Operator (20) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as HE Operator. With knowledge how to operate several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machine, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concretes and etc.

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Machinist (02) $6.10 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2-5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

All of the above positions must be able to work flexible time. Interested applicants may apply at GPPC,INC. office located at As Perdido, Saipan. A copy of police clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete application will NOT be accepted. Skills, testing maybe required. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.
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Closing Date: June 27, 2016

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Loan / Financial Manager

Duties:

- Review loan agreements to ensure that they are complete and accurate according to policy.
- Approve, reject, or coordinate the approval or rejection of lines of credit or commercial, real estate, or personal loans.
- Analyze applicants' financial status, credit, and property evaluations to determine feasibility of granting loans.
- Review collection reports to determine the status of collections and the amounts of outstanding balances.
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- Establish procedures for custody or control of assets, records, loan collateral, or securities to ensure safekeeping.
- Plan, direct, and coordinate risk and insurance programs of establishments to control risks and losses.

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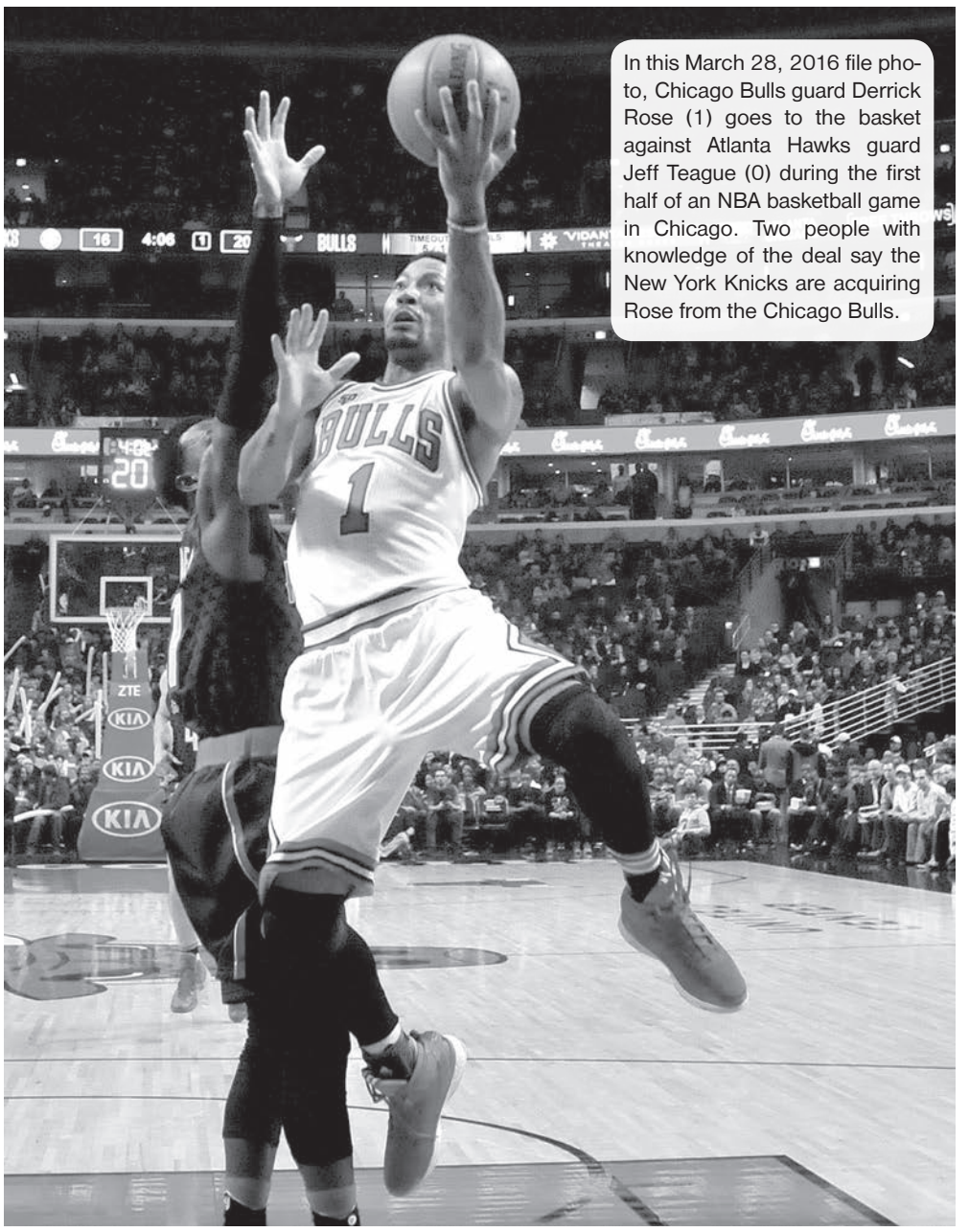
Rose traded to Knicks in multi-player deal



In this March 28, 2016 file photo, Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose (1) goes to the basket against Atlanta Hawks guard Jeff Teague (0) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Chicago. Two people with knowledge of the deal say the New York Knicks are acquiring Rose from the Chicago Bulls.

NEW YORK (AP)—Derrick Rose was once writing a great NBA story, the hometown kid leading the Chicago Bulls to their greatest heights since Michael Jordan.

Then injuries set in, and Rose may never again play at that dazzling level.

The player he is now could still be an upgrade for the New York Knicks.

The Knicks acquired Rose from the Bulls on Wednesday, hoping the former NBA MVP can be their answer at point guard.

New coach Jeff Hornacek said recently the Knicks needed a point guard and Rose was one of the NBA's best before multiple knee injuries slowed the former No. 1 pick's career. He played in 66 games last season, his most in five years, and averaged 16.4 points.

"This is an exciting day for New York and our fans," Hornacek said in a statement. "Derrick is one of the top point guards in the NBA who is playoff battle-tested. He adds a whole new dynamic to our roster and immediately elevates our backcourt."

New York sent center Robin Lopez and guards Jose Calderon and Jerian Grant to the Bulls in the deal. The Knicks also received guard Justin Holiday and a 2017 second-round pick, and waived point guard Tony Wroten.

Rose, 27, struggled just to get on the court over the last four years, and the Bulls dealt him on the eve of the NBA draft with a year left on his contract.

"Derrick has meant a lot to this organization and to this city and to this team and has had to overcome a lot over the years with all the injuries to get back to the point he was," Bulls general manager Gar Forman said. "But in putting our plan together, we felt as a first step this really made sense for us."

After missing the playoffs in a disappointing first season under Fred Hoiberg, the Bulls decided to move on without the player they selected with the top pick in the 2008 draft.

It seemed a perfect fit when Rose carried Chicago to the top of the Eastern Conference in the 2010-11 regular season, earning MVP honors and leading the franchise to success it hadn't enjoyed since Jordan took the Bulls to their last of six titles in 1998—when they were coached by current Knicks President of Basketball Operations Phil Jackson.

But Rose wrecked his knee for the first time in the playoffs the following year and no longer has the speed that once made him one of the league's most dynamic young stars and a seemingly perennial All-Star, often now settling for unreliable jumpers when he once sped past whoever tried to stay in front of him.

Rose hasn't been back to the All-Star Game since 2012 and has often had trouble just playing in the real games. He sat out all of the 2012-13 season, made it back for 10 games in 2013-14 and appeared in a little more than half the Bulls' games in 2014-15.

"He has been through a lot with the injuries. You really have to admire how he continues to work and fight through everything that he's been through," Forman said. "In moving forward, we thought the players we were getting in this deal made sense in what we're trying to accomplish."

And he could be worth the risk for a Knicks team that has struggled to generate offense.

The veteran Calderon and Grant, a first-round pick last year, were on the roster of a team that started well but faltered badly in the second half on the way to a 32-50 season. The Knicks are expected to transition to a quicker attack under Hornacek than the triangle offense they ran under Derek Fisher and Kurt Rambis, and Rose is better suited for that than anyone the Knicks had.

Carmelo Anthony and Kristaps Porzingis will benefit if Rose can do it, though they could miss Lopez in a frontcourt that was the team's strength last season.

Lopez averaged 10.3 points and 7.3 rebounds while starting every game in his only season in New York after leaving Portland for the Knicks last summer.

Rose has averaged 19.7 points and 6.2 assists in 406 career games. The last few years have been hard on him, as they have the Knicks, and maybe they can find success together.

"Derrick's going to have a very good year. We're all very confident of that. And we wish Derrick nothing but the best," Forman said. "I hope he has a terrific year, but at the end of the day we had to make a decision we felt was best for us moving forward."

Simmons hopes to be draft top pick

NEW YORK (AP)—Ben Simmons has the sneaker deal and the TV show, so off the court he already has the look of a star.

The only questions seem to be about what he can do on the floor.

Assuming the Philadelphia 76ers are satisfied, they will make Simmons the No. 1 pick Thursday night in the NBA draft.

He has been considered the choice for months, and there are plenty of reasons why. The 6-foot-10 forward's versatility is perfect for the modern NBA, and he has been getting advice about how to make himself even better from his favorite player, a certain champion named LeBron James.

Yet after an up-and-down season at LSU, Simmons arrived in New York on Wednesday with more scrutiny than usual for a player whose named is expected to be called first by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver.

"It was a roller coaster but I think everything that I went through has helped mold me into the player that I am now," Simmons said. "But I think I'm ready."

He averaged 19.2 points, 11.8 rebounds and 4.8 assists, the only SEC player ever to finish in the top five in all three categories. But the Tigers were only 19-14, failing to make the NCAA Tournament, and with all his talent Simmons sometimes left the impressive that he could've—made should've—done more to lead his team.

"That's always going to happen when you're one of the best guys. They try to bring you down, but honestly it was a rough season," Simmons said. "We had guys that were hurt, were out, but it wasn't the perfect season that we wanted."

If critics want to put the blame on Simmons, LSU coach Johnny Jones thinks they're looking in the wrong place.

"People have spent a lot of time this past season trying to break his game down in a negative way, taking a lot of unnecessary shots at him," Jones said. "And I'm glad at the end of the day, his performance at LSU, his growth there, the decisions he made as he continued to grow as a basketball player, has put him in a situation where he's going to be the No. 1 player taken in the draft."

Simmons insists he doesn't actually know if he will go first, but Madison Ave. seems convinced. Simmons has already inked a sneaker deal with Nike and will be the feature of a Showtime documentary film called "ONE & DONE" that will debut in October, just before Simmons debuts in the NBA.

That could be in the uniform of the 76ers, who went 10-72 in their third straight dismal season. Simmons didn't work out for Philadelphia until Tuesday but there was familiarity with him long ago, as 76ers coach Brett Brown coached Simmons' father in Australia. Simmons said Brown told him that someday he might play in the NBA.

Massive crowd engulfs Cleveland, Cavs at parade

CLEVELAND (AP)—Following a parade choked to a crawl by a massive crowd, after proclamations, speeches and fanfare, Cleveland watched a symbolic passing of the trophy—and the torch.

When Browns Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown handed the Larry O'Brien Trophy to Cavaliers superstar LeBron James, the city's long wait was officially over.

After 52 long years, this was a title town again.

Cheered for hours by a sea of adoring fans who first engulfed the downtown streets and then the Cavs, James and the newly crowned NBA champions were honored Wednesday with a parade and a once-in-a-generation party.

The Cavs chased down history by overcoming a 3-1 deficit to beat Golden State in a wild seven-game NBA Finals, a comeback that ended the city's 52-year championship drought stretching back to Brown leading the Browns to a win over the Baltimore Colts in the NFL championship in 1964.

But on a sun-kissed summer day in this football-crazed town, everyone was a Cavaliers fan and Cleveland wrapped its arms around a team that came together and defied the odds to win it all.

"It still hasn't hit me that this has happened," said James, who delivered on his promise to bring a championship to his home state with a magnificent playoff performance. He said he'll be back with the Cavs next season. "It's so surreal. For some crazy reason, I feel like I'm gonna wake up and it's going to be Game 4 again."

Moments later, James cradled the shiny, golden trophy in his arms like a newborn. This was his baby—and Cleveland's.

The city's first championship parade since the Indians won the World Series in 1948 will long be remembered for a crowd that halted the procession, forcing police to use bicycles and a horseback unit to create enough space for cars, bands and floats to pass. The swarm spilled off the sidewalks, people packed so tightly that fans could reach into the vehicles and high-five their heroes.

Cleveland police did not have an immediate estimate on the crowd's size, but the team and officials at the rally said more than 1 million people attended. Regardless, fans packed in 50 deep in spots along the 2-mile parade route, and snarled traffic badly enough to delay some outgoing flights at Cleveland's airport because crews couldn't make it to their planes.

It was mostly an orderly celebration, although police said that a person was shot twice in the leg after the celebration. The police department tweeted that the injuries to the female victim were not life-threatening, and that a teen was in custody afterward.

Dodgers rally past Nats, complete sweep

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Yasiel Puig raced home for the winning run on his own single after center fielder Michael Taylor let the ball skip by him for a three-base error, and the Los Angeles Dodgers rallied to beat the Washington Nationals 4-3 on Wednesday night.

Puig broke into a sprint at first base after Taylor overran the rolling single to left-center field. Howie Kendrick scored easily from first base, and Puig dove home to beat the throw from the outfield. The Dodgers have won six straight—five in comeback fashion—and completed a sweep of the NL East-leading Nationals.

Taylor was also 0 for 5 with five strikeouts from the leadoff spot.

Yankees 9, Rockies 8

In New York, Starlin Castro hit a game-ending home run to lead off the bottom of the ninth.

AP

Los Angeles Dodgers' Corey Seager, right, slides into home plate to score on a single by Justin Turner as Washington Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos waits for the throw during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles, Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

New York trailed 8-4 going into the seventh, but Carlos Beltran's three-run homer helped bail out CC Sabathia after his worst outing of the season.

Mets 4, Royals 3

In New York, Matt Reynolds snapped a sixth-inning tie with his first major league home run, leading Noah Syndergaard and New York past Kansas City a two-game sweep in their World Series rematch.

Cardinals 7, Cubs 2

In Chicago, Michael Wacha pitched into the seventh inning for his first win in nearly two months and St. Louis waited out Jake Arrieta before roughing up Chicago's bullpen in a victory over the Cubs.

Astros 3, Angels 2

In Houston, Jose Altuve homered and Marwin Gonzalez's tiebreaking RBI triple in the eighth inning helped Houston to its fifth straight win

George Springer singled with one out before Gonzalez hit a towering fly ball just to the right of straightaway center field off Matt Shoemaker (3-8).

White Sox 8, Red Sox 6

In Boston, Brett Lawrie hit a go-ahead homer in the eighth inning after Melky Cabrera had a tying, two-run shot to lift Chicago.

The White Sox have won the first three games of a four-game series.

Giants 7, Pirates 6

In Pittsburgh, Buster Posey threw out John Jaso attempting to steal second base to end the game after Joe Panik's two-run double capped a three-run sixth inning that helped San Francisco rally from an early five-run deficit.

Orioles 7, Padres 2

In Baltimore, Ubaldo Jimenez interrupted his exile to the bullpen with a sharp performance in a starting role, and Baltimore got its 1,000th win at Camden Yards.

Mark Trumbo and Ryan Flaherty homered for the first-place Orioles.

Indians 6, Rays 1

In Cleveland, Trevor Bauer threw a three-hitter for his second career complete game, Jason Kipnis hit a two-run homer and Cleveland got its sixth straight win.

Bauer (5-2) struck out 10, walked one and allowed only one runner past second base.

Rangers 6, Reds 4

In Arlington, Cole Hamels struck out eight in six solid innings, Prince Fielder had a two-run single and Texas got a split in the two-game interleague series.

Hamels (8-1) scattered five hits, walked two and allowed only one run.

Blue Jays 5, Diamondbacks 2

In Toronto, Russell Martin hit a three-run homer, Edwin Encarnacion and Troy Tulowitzki added solo shots and Toronto snapped Arizona's five-game winning streak.

Tigers 5, Mariners 1

In Detroit, Steven Moya homered twice, and Detroit withstood a shaky fifth inning from right-hander Michael Fulmer.

Miguel Cabrera also went deep for Detroit, and reliever Kyle Ryan (2-2) helped the Tigers stay comfortably ahead.

Brewers 4, Athletics 2

In Oakland, Scooter Gennett and Kirk Nieuwenhuis homered to back Junior Guerra's first victory in more than a month, and Milwaukee earned a split of its quick two-game interleague series against Oakland.

Marlins 3, Braves 0

In Miami, Adam Conley pitched a career-high eight innings and Miami broke Atlanta's six-game winning streak.

Conley (4-4) became the first Marlins starter to pitch eight innings this year.

Twins 6, Phillies 5

In Minneapolis, Max Kepler made up for a costly error with a tying single in the fifth inning and the go-ahead sacrifice fly in the seventh as Minnesota handed Philadelphia its ninth straight loss.

Woods progressing in rehab, but still won't set timeline

BETHESDA, Md. (AP)— Tiger Woods can play soccer with kids and ride a bike but hasn't progressed far enough in his rehab to set a timeline on when he'll return to professional golf.

Woods, who hasn't played on the PGA Tour in 10 months after two back surgeries last year, isn't yet able to play 36 holes a day and practice how he'd like. Before getting back, he said he'd have to play several days to show his body can handle the workload.

"I need to get to where I can play 18 holes out here and go to the range for an hour and work on my game," Woods said Wednesday on the eve of the first round of his Quicken Loans National tournament. "That's what I used to do, that's one of the reasons why I think I've had some success —I was able to work on it during the week. Just not quite there yet."

The 40-year-old is battling soreness day-to-day when he practices and said he needs to get into golf shape some more. He hasn't had any setbacks and hasn't lost distance on his drives, but the strain of playing on consecutive days is still a struggle.

Woods said he has pushed through injury rehabs before and vowed not to do it again. He missed nine months in 2008 and 2009 after surgery to repair the ACL in his left knee.

"Trying to do it correctly this time," he said. "I'm just playing it week-to-week and I keep getting better, I keep getting physically better. I just hope that everything clicks in and I can do it sooner rather than later."

Woods hasn't played since the Wyndham Championship in August. The 14-time major winner said it's especially tough to miss his own tournament, which he has hosted since 2007.

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Chile beats Colombia to return to Copa final

CHICAGO (AP)—When Chile saw an opening, it pounced. When its defense broke down, Claudio Bravo was there. When the rain stopped, it finished the job.

Just another meticulous performance for Chile in Copa America.

Charles Aranguiz and Jose Pedro Feunzalida scored in the first half, and defending champion Chile returned to the final of South America's championship with a soggy 2-0 victory over Colombia on Wednesday night.

"This is a winning team. They are winners. ... Before we play a tournament, they are convinced they are going to win," Chile coach Juan Antonio Pizzi said.

Led by Bravo's stellar effort in goal, Chile earned its fourth straight win since a 2-1 loss to top-ranked Argentina in their Group D opener. Next up is a rematch with La Albiceleste on Sunday night in New Jersey.

Chile also faced Lionel Messi and Argentina in last year's championship, with La Roja winning 4-1 in a penalty shootout after a 0-0 extra-time draw. Argentina was the last country to repeat as Copa champions in consecutive years, accomplishing the feat in 1946 and 1947.

"We must respect, as we always have, our rivals and compete and try to win," Pizzi said.

James Rodriguez and Colombia got off to a slow start and their push for a comeback was hampered by a strong line of thunderstorms that delayed the start of the second half by more than two hours, drenching the playing surface and forcing the players to tread carefully for the last part of the night at Soldier Field, home of the NFL's Chicago Bears.

Colombia, which will face the United States in the third-place game on Saturday night in Arizona, also had to play with 10 men after Carlos Sanchez received his second yellow card in the 57th minute.

"We made some mistakes, and Chile was very effective, as they usually are," Colombia coach Jose Nestor Pekerman said. "This is one of the keys to their win."

AP

Chile's Alexis Sanchez, left, and Colombia Marlos Moreno (21) work for the ball during a Copa America Centenario semifinal soccer match at Soldier Field in Chicago, Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

Rodriguez got open for a low, hard shot in the second half that Bravo knocked down before pouncing on the ball before Colombia could get to it. Rodriguez pounded the wet turf in frustration after the play.

Chile played without Arturo Vidal after the skilled midfielder was suspended for a second yellow card, and defensive midfielder Marcelo Diaz was sidelined by injury. The defending champions lost another midfielder in the first half when Pedro Pablo Hernandez departed with a knee injury following a collision near midfield.

Pizzi said he was hopeful about Hernandez playing in the final, but it was too early to say anything for sure.

The familiar foes arrived at the semifinal coming off wildly different performances in the quarterfinals. While Colombia needed penalty kicks to eliminate Peru after a 0-0 tie Friday night, Chile roared into the semifinals with a 7-0 victory over Mexico that included five second-half goals.

Each country picked up right where it left off.

Ronaldo's passion and rage rewarded with goals

LYON, France (AP)—Waving his arms in frustration and shouting frenziedly to all around him, Cristiano Ronaldo seethed as Hungarian rivals celebrated.

Ronaldo couldn't believe his teammates in the rearguard had conceded less than five minutes after he had finally scored his first goal at this European Championship.

In the heat and humidity of Lyon, the pent-up frustration simmering inside Ronaldo after two goalless games was visible to one and all.

Not for the first time Wednesday.

The first target of the Portugal captain's anger, during a walk in the park hours before the game, was the microphone snatched off a reporter and seemingly thrown into a lake.

His ire carried through into the frenzied 3-3 draw with Hungary.

But, whatever defensive deficiencies within the Portugal team, Ronaldo was going to drag Portugal into the round of 16. And drag his team through he did with a towering 62nd minute header to make it 3-3. The goal fest dried up and Portugal was through to the round of 16, its reward a tough game against Croatia.

"The team was in dire straits," said Ronaldo, who also set up Nani's goal, Portugal's first equalizer. "Three times we were about to go home."

There were personal milestones, too: the audacious flicked shot in the 50th minute ensured Ronaldo became the first player to score in four different European Championship tournaments, coming in a record 17th finals game. One more goal and he ties Michel Platini's record of nine goals in the European Championship.

"I think no one can say anything against him," Nani said. "He is a fantastic player every time in the difficult moments. This evening he showed again. Everyone was talking about him. So I think a lot of people now, he has shut them up."

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Meanwhile, Victoria Chentsova joined two more races on Day 2 of the area championships. She first participated in the qualifying heat for the 50m backstroke and her 37.15 seconds moved her to the B Finals. In the finale, the CNMI swimmer had a faster time after clocking in at 35.65 seconds. Fiji's Ella Rasau (32.16 seconds) and New Zealand's Gabrielle Fa'amausili (29.19 seconds) won the B and A finals, respectively.

In the 100m freestyle, Chentsova recorded 1:04.84 and although she missed the B Finals, she still had a respectable finish, rounding out at No. 23 out of 39 swimmers.

In other results, Chentsova and company raced in the qualifying heats of four more events yesterday morning.

In the first event on Day 3, Villacrusis and Welch did the 50m breaststroke swim and tallied 36.05 seconds and 36.16 seconds, respectively.

Up next was the women's 400m freestyle event, which Chentsova completed in 4:50.43 for a Top 10 finish. New Zealand's Helena Gasson topped the qualifier with her 4:19.05.

The three CNMI male swimmers also competed in the 400m freestyle race with Suzuki finishing the event first with his 4:44.11. Villacrusis was second at 5:04.83, while Welch came in at third after registering 5:11.01.

Suzuki had his second event yesterday morning, joining the 100m butterfly contest where he clocked in at 1:12.35.

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and the Chalan Kanoa Bears' A.J., Henry Jr., Jose, and Jeffrey Lizama. Henry Lizama, also of the Bears, manages the Commonwealth selection, which will have Manny Sablan of the Brewers and the BSI Aces' Luis Iguel as coaches and the Yankees' Franco Flores as trainer.

Joining the CNMI and Kosrae in today's kickoff are Guam, Palau, and the CNMI Junior National Team, which is made up of players from the Big League All-Stars. The Commonwealth's junior crew, however, will only play in the preliminary and their record will not be counted in the standings, as the playoff round is exclusive for the four participating countries. The CNMI Big League All-Stars are allowed to play in the MBC as they will not be able to represent the Commonwealth to the 2016 Asia Pacific Regional Championships in China next month due to visa problems.

The CNMI Junior Nationals will have their first game tomorrow against Kosrae at 2pm, while in the second match at 6:30pm, Guam will collide against Palau. Then this Sunday, the double-header will have the CNMI taking on Guam at 2pm and Palau meeting the CNMI Junior Nationals at 6:3pm.

The preliminary games will continue until Wednesday with the Top 2 teams after the two-round robin contest battling for the first finals berth under the page system playoff format. The loser in the No. 1 vs No. 2 tiff will have another chance to make it to the finals by facing the winner in the No. 3 vs No. 4 knockout game. The finals will be played next Friday at 6:30pm.

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Ukita, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

The winner of the Lee-Tsukamoto tiff will duel the victor in the game between Japan's Misaki Kobayashi and Hong Kong's Claudia Ng for the finals berth at the lower half of the bracket. Kobayashi advanced following a 7-5, 6-3 triumph over Fiji's Mulan Kamoe, while Ng entered the quarterfinals after sweeping Australia's Madison Bishop, 6-1, 7-5.

At the top half of the bracket, the four remaining players are No. 1 seed Kaitlin Staines of Australia, Japan's Shiho Shibata, Malaysia Uma Nayar, and China's Xuan Jin Li. Nayar downed New Zealand's Janvhi Clark, 7-5, 6-3, to set up a quarterfinal game against Li, a 6-2, 6-1 winner against Japan's Akane Koizumi. Staines also prevailed over a Japanese foe in Koharu Nimi, 6-2, 6-2, for a Round of 8 date with Shibata, who knocked out New Zealand's Ashleigh Harvey, 6-3, 7-6 (2).

Meanwhile, Lee and her fellow Pacific Oceania player Ayana Rengiil of Palau were eliminated in the doubles contest.

Lee and Rengiil dropped a tough super-tiebreaker game in the second round against the Japanese pair of Kaede Senpuku and Shibata. The Pacific Oceania duo won the opening set, 6-2, before the two Japanese players bounced back in the last two, 6-4, 13-11, to steal the quarterfinals berth.

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Matsutaro 12, Rivera 9, Esdrelon 8, Maliwanag 6, Macoto 5, Villamena 2.

Shirley's 49 — Pollisco 14, Pamintuan 9, Dela Rosa 8, Nicdao 4, Jugos 2, Catungal 2, Drilon 2.

Scoring by halves: 29-16, 56-59.

Third Game

POI 41 — Tenepere 10, Yu 8, Arago 6, Mejia 4, Ramos 3, Mendiola 3, Villanueva 3.

Lower Base 39 — Jinang 15, Basindero 9, Salazar 3, Omar 3, Alegre 2, Echavez 2, Garcia 2.

Scoring by halves: 21-17, 41-39.

POI nips Lower Base for first victory

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Pacific Oriental, Inc. barged into the win column in the 2016 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League after edging Lower Base Warriors, 41-39, last Friday at the Gillette Multi-purpose Gymnasium.

POI drew two field goals from Kyung Min Yu in the closing minutes to escape past Lower Base and get its first victory after a 0-2 start. Lower Base dropped to a 0-3 card. Yu finished with 8 points, 6 of them came in the second half, while Ramsa Tenepere led POI with his 10 markers, 7 were made in the final 20 minutes of play

Lower Base engaged POI in a seesaw battle with the former leaning on Ariel Jinang's outside shooting to stay in the game. Jinang had a game-high 15 markers, including three triples.

In other results, Fiesta Resort recovered from its previous loss with a 56-49 victory over Shirley's Coffee Shop in the second game, while Kanoa Resort extended its run following a 74-37 rout of Mambas in the curtain-raiser.

Kanoa improved to a 3-0 record for the solo lead in the six-team field, while Mambas fell to a 1-1 mark.

Mambas, which came from a 45-42 upset over Fiesta in the second week of the league, kept Kanoa within striking distance only in the first half before it was hammered by Matt Duenas and company in the second.

Duenas fired up Kanoa's strong offense, scoring 18 points. Rodney Sacramento contributed 15, while Ernest Duenas and Dindo Pablo had 11 apiece. Only Ferdie De La Torre broke into double figures (11) for Mamba, which missed the services of young gun Djay Ong.

In the second game, Fiesta's key players returned after a no-show against Mambas to hand Shirley's its first loss in three matches.

Elmer Esdrelon suited up for the defending champion and was one of the five Fiesta players who scored at least 6 points against Shirley's. He had 8 points to back up the 13 and 12 of Paul Quizon and Jarette Matsutaro.

Jerome Pollisco had 14 to pace Shirley's, which dropped to second place in the team standings, joining Fiesta.

First Game

Kanoa 74 — M. Duenas 18, Sacramento 15, E. Duenas 11, Pablo 11, Schmidt 8, Bustillo 4, Rabauliman 2.

Mambas 37 — De La Torre 11, Pagarao 8, Raho 7, Rabago 3, Chan 2, D. Angeles 2, Calibo 2, J. Ong 2.

Scoring by halves: 29-20, 74-37.

Second Game

Fiesta 56 — Quizon 13,

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POI's Ferdie Arago goes up for a shot against Lower Base defenders during their game in the Tan Holdings caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Close wins for Jonah, Ezra

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Johan and Ezra labored for victories in their respective matches in the 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Ezra withstood Joel's repeated rallies to pull off a 67-62 win in the curtain-raiser, while Johan escaped past Nahum, 84-83, in the second match.

Sam Darag scored Jonah's last 6 points to lift his team to victory, while Jethro Cruz also helped out, firing a game-high 42 markers. Cruz and Darag alternately hit baskets in streaks for Johan, which trailed in the majority of the game before finally overtaking Nahum in the closing minutes of the match.

The debuting Nahum took control of the game behind the baskets of Agape Christian School standouts Haoyu Chen and David Cai, who knocked in 31 and 29 markers, respectively. However, Jonah's 1-2 punch of Cruz and Darag countered in the second half to steal the win and help the squad bounce back from its opening day loss to Joel, 44-57.

In the first game, Ezra took the early lead in the five-team field after outclassing Joel (1-1).

Nathan Borromeo and Santiago again teamed up in giving Ezra the win, as they combined for more than half of the squad's total production.

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A Jonah player fakes off the defense of two Nahum players during the second half of their game in the youth division of the Genesis Cup last Saturday at Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Borromeo tallied 24, while Santiago added 21. The two players compiled 40 markers in their 71-61 triumph over Haggai during the youth division's opening week.

Borromeo was on target from downtown, draining five triples. Actually, Ezra had a good shooting night, as it buried four straight treys in the homestretch with two of them coming from Borromeo.

Meanwhile, in the adults division, Samuel strengthened its hold to the top spot after beating Jeremiah, 75-69.

The victory was Samuel's fifth in as many games, giving the team more breathing room against Ezekiel (3-1), Jeremiah (3-2), and Gideon (3-2). Caleb (2-2), Joshua (0-4), Daniel (0-4), and Isaiah (0-4) complete the standings.

Mark Cando powered Samuel past Jeremiah after registering 24 points. Jerome Reyes and Walter Brillo also hit double figures, posting 17 and 11, respectively.

Michael Cabanas had 37 for Jeremiah.

YOUTH DIVISION
First Game

Ezra 67 — Borromeo 24, Santiago 21, De Jose 10, Buno 6, De Leon 4, Sumpay 2.

Joel 62 — Palino 23, Ocaya 16, Elchico 6, De Leon 6, Trinidad 5, Ibanez 4, Lu 2.

Scoring by halves: 38-32, 67-62.

Second Game

Jonah 84 —Cruz 42, Darag 24, Marcellana 7, Azarcon 5, Cabrera 4, Wang 2.

Nahum 83 — Chen 31, Cai 29, Cobacha 14, Sacdalan 8, Wang 2.

Scoring by halves: 45-46, 39-37.

ADULT DIVISION

Samuel 75 —Cando 24, Reyes 17, Brillo 11, Lopez 8, Francia 8, Acosta 4, Gonzales 2.

Jeremiah 69 — Cabanas 37, Fatialofa 14, Cortez 11, Lonzaga 4, Buniag 3.

Scoring by halves: 43-38, 75-69.

Tsunami Saipan swimmers train in Guam

For Tsunami Saipan swimmers Juhn Tenorio and Angel De Jesus, vacation time is still training time.

A few weeks after the school year concluded, Tenorio, instead of taking a breather, went to Guam for a 10-day training session with Tsunami Guam.

"The practice was as hard as Saipan. The pool that the Guam team uses is 25 meters short course, so there are a lot of turns I could learn. It was a great experience to practice with different workout techniques and with different teammates. I would like to thank coach Hiro (Kimura) and Tsunami Guam coach Toshiki Iijima for giving me the opportunity to train," said Tenorio, who returned to Saipan last Wednesday morning.

De Jesus, on the other hand, is still in Guam as her training session with Tsunami Saipan's sister club will last for a month.

"Guam practice is a new experience for me and it will really help a lot since I will be joining them this summer. It's different from Saipan since Tsunami Guam practices in 25 and 15-meter pools. I get to try new workouts and techniques to help me improve my strokes. I also make new friends and get closer to other swimmers I've met before. The training in Guam will make me a stronger swimmer and allow me to achieve more best times when competitions come up," De Jesus said.

In Guam, De Jesus and Tenorio were united with former Tsunami Saipan member Miku Tammy. Tammy moved to Guam with her family late last month and joined Tsunami Guam.

Meanwhile, Kimura thanked Tsunami Guam for accommodating the club's swimmers.

"In the past, Rezne Wong, Shin Kimura, Kensuke Kimura, and Takumi Sugie have trained with Tsunami Guam so we really appreciate coach Iijima's hard work and support to our swimmers. This exchange program has been serving both clubs well since 2007," the Tsunami Saipan coach said. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*

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From left, Angel De Jesus, Juhn Tenorio, Tsunami Guam coach Toshiki Iijima, and Miku Tammy pose for a photo after their training session in Guam last week.

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Lee boosts bid for title

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Carol Lee remained on course for her first ITF Juniors crown after advancing to the quarterfinal round of the singles event in the 2016 South Pacific Open Junior Championships yesterday in Lautoka, Fiji. The fifth-ranked Lee gained a Round of 8 slot and moved three wins away from the coveted championship after eliminating New Zealand's Stella Cliffe. Lee romped past the Kiwi in the opening set, 6-1, and had another easy win (similar scores) in the second to join seven others to the quarterfinal round.

In the Round of 8, Lee is paired against the U.S.' Sara Tsukamoto, who had crossed paths with the CNMI bets twice this year, first in the Junior ITF in Guam and then on Saipan last month in a similar ranking tournament. The eighth-seeded Tsukamoto barged into the quarterfinals after ousting Japan's Yuna

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Carol Lee gets ready to serve during the 2016 IT&E Northern Marianas Juniors Championships held on Saipan last month. She is in Fiji, playing in the 2016 South Pacific Open Junior Championships.

Suzuki, Welch get PTBs in Fiji

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CNMI swimmers Salofi Welch and Lennosuke Suzuki marked personal best times on Day 2 of the XI Oceania Championships.

Suzuki, who earned a PBT in the 50m butterfly during the opening of the swimming competition last Tuesday at the Damodar National Aquatic Centre in Suva, Fiji, added one more after submitting 1:00.37 in the qualifying heat for the 100m freestyle. The 13-year-old swimmer surpassed his old PBT (1:01.33) recorded just last month (May 7) during the 2016 Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation Closing Meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool. The PBTs are unofficial (pending confirmation from NMISF) and were based on the results *Saipan Tribune* obtained from the association's final competition of the season.

Suzuki was the fastest among the three CNMI swimmers who raced in the two-lap event. Christian Villacrusis had the second best time at 1:01.30, while Welch logged 1:02.14, which is his new PBT, eclipsing the 1:03.78 he recorded in the 2015-2016 season.

Welch also bagged a PBT in the 100m breaststroke after completing the preliminary race last Wednesday morning in 1:22.19. The 18-year-old swimmer's previous PBT was 1:25.29. Welch also had the best time among the three CNMI swimmers who joined the 100m breaststroke event as Suzuki and Villacrusis posted 1:23.11 and 1:25.59, respectively.

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PALAU SWIMMING
CNMI and Palau swimmers and coaches pose for a photo while waiting for their races in the XI Oceania Championships in Fiji last Tuesday.

CNMI vs Kosrae in MBC opener

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Host CNMI will open its title bid in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic tonight when it takes on Kosrae in the opening game at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Game time is at 6:30pm after an elaborated opening ceremony at 5pm. MBC tournament director Tony Rogolifoi is requesting all participating teams to be at the venue before 5pm for the parade. The community is also invited to watch the opening rites.

The home team will feature 22 players pulled out from the 2016 Saipan Baseball League. The list includes the GSM Brewers' Nokki Saralu, Anthony Tenorio, Byron Kaipat, Pat Alepuyo, and Tyrone Omar; the BSI Aces' Juan, Lamarc, and Mike Iguel, Mike Muna Jr., John Tudela, Verlance Secharmidal, and John Jones Jr; Titanium's Joe Palacios and Brian Camacho, the Falcons' Giovanni Mira and Frankie Lieto, the Yankees' Peter Lieto and Peter Tomokane,

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The Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield is all set for the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic, which kicks off tonight with the CNMI facing Kosrae in the opening game.